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Expel U.S. diplomats, Kuwait leader urges

KUWAIT, June 12 (AP) — A leading parliamentarian was quoted Sunday as urging the government to declare U.S. Ambassador Francois Dickman and his embassy staff *persona non grata* and ask them to leave Kuwait.

Ahmed al-Saadoun told the English-language newspaper *Kuwait Times* and the Arabic daily *Al-Rai Al Aam* that the U.S. Embassy staff here were responsible for facilitating the "abduction" of two Saudi Arabian children from their father by their American mother.

He claimed the U.S. Embassy also facilitated the "kidnap" of three Kuwaiti children on May 31 by supplying their American mother with U.S. passports.

The foreign ministry immediately must declare the U.S. ambassador, the consular section chief Mrs. Bishop, and all others *persona non grata*, Saadoun told the papers. Local newspapers have launched a campaign of criticism against the U.S. Embassy over the alleged abductions.

The first case involved the two children of Saudi Arabian Dr. Mustafa al-Ugeili, whose American wife flew home with them after allegedly obtaining help from the embassy.

The second case, of three Kuwaiti children who flew to the United States under similar circumstances also, according to the papers, was being protested.

The U.S. Embassy last Thursday denied Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry allegations and insisted the two children of Dr. Ugeili were U.S. citizens and that no illegal action was involved in their trip from Kuwait to the United States with their mother.

The Kuwaitis rejected this and local newspapers played up a U.S. State Department reaction statement on the issue. The State Department was quoted as insisting that the case of the two children was "legal and proper." Saadoun complained that the State Department statement was "useless and rude."

He said the issue was to be taken up by parliament later this week. The two newspapers also reported that Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal has messaged his Kuwaiti counterpart, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, urging legal action by Kuwait to ensure the safe return of the two children to their Saudi Arabian father.



BRITISH RIOTS: Britain has been in the grip of riots and the police are having a tough job. Top picture shows a toppled police van lying abandoned while another is ablaze in Southall. The picture below shows a petrol bomb exploding against a policeman's shield as they face two Tottenham rioters.

U.K. plans harsh anti-rioting steps

LONDON, July 12 (Agencies) — The British government Sunday considered harsh new measures to stamp out rioting as violence spread to more English towns and cities. Political sources said special courts could be introduced to punish rioters swiftly. Saturday night, petrol bombs were thrown and stores looted in at least 19 towns.

In London, which was worst hit by rioting Friday night, violence was limited to running fights between youths and police in the Brixton area and to petrol bomb attacks on shops in Battersea. About 160 persons were arrested in London, a third of the previous night's total, and nine policemen were injured. There were no reports of serious injuries among civilians.

Police throughout England moved in at the first sign of trouble on the ninth night of rioting, which they described as increasing motivated by criminal hooliganism.

"Copycat" riots, which political sources said bore no apparent links with the first outbreaks of violence in London, Liverpool and Manchester a week ago, spread to the north-west seaside resort of Loughborough, the northern industrial towns of Leeds, Halifax and Huddersfield and the south England port of Southampton.

In the fishing port of Hull, police described a frenzy of window breaking as pure hooliganism unrelated to anything else. Elsewhere, cars were overturned and police attacked with bricks and bottles. Four policemen in Southampton were injured when their car was stoned and crushed. Police in Leicester said acid was thrown at them.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher spent much of Saturday night with police watching them deal with troubles in London. Informed sources said she was told by Home Secretary William Whitelaw that the rioting should be stamped on hard, fast and sharp. The violence began just over a week ago with racial fighting between white neo-fascist youths and blacks in Southall, west London. It spread to the slums of Tottenham in Liverpool and Manchester. There, community leaders blamed frustration over unemployment and the decaying environment for the riots.

Mrs. Thatcher agreed that the pattern of violence had changed, an informed source said. Commentators have blamed the later outbreaks on greed by both black and white looters. They say unemployment is not the only cause when some of the rioters are aged 10 and less. Political sources said the government may announce this week special courts to deal with what police have increasingly described as criminal attacks.

The proposal is intended to punish rioters by swift and heavy sentences. Courts could meet within hours of a riot and those accused would be deprived of their right to trial by jury. Former London police chief Sir Robert Mark called Saturday for the process to be speeded up. "Punishment a year after the offense is of little deterrent value," he said.

But *The Sunday Times* commented: "One would have thought that experience in Northern Ireland would have been sufficient lesson that such perversions of the judicial system corrupt the system and alienate the people." A political debate grew meanwhile on measures to prevent riots from recurring.

The Labor Party has blamed the Conservative government's monetarist policy and a rise in unemployment to 2.68 million for the unrest. It has said it would rattle the economy. Left-wing politician Tony Benn told a workers' seminar that mass youth unemployment in decaying inner city areas had created a vast social problem that should be countered by a campaign for renewal and increased spending.

Mrs. Thatcher denies unemployment caused the trouble and Leon Brittan, the chief secretary for the treasury, told a rally that reflation would prevent Britain from recovering from recession.

Trouble was also reported early Sunday from the northern towns of Huddersfield and Halifax which have large black and Asian populations. About 200 persons were arrested in the overnight violence throughout the country, police said.

In Belfast a massive "homb factory" was discovered at the city center Saturday night and security forces believe the explosives may have been for use in attacks against a Protestant march Sunday. Three men were captured in a rooftop chase when police raided the building and found hundreds of pounds of explosives packed into bags and beer barrels. Detonating devices were also discovered.

Security forces said the discovery of the bombs may have averted a possible bloodbath in the city. The building stands close to the gathering point for Sunday's annual July 12 Protestant march, which celebrates William of Orange's 1692 victory over Catholic forces at the Battle of the Boyne.

Violence also erupted overnight after the funeral of a guerrilla hunger striker and an army soldier on Irish Republican Army (IRA) gunmen who fired a ceremonial volley over his coffin. Police said Saturday that a man was shot dead and three policemen were slightly injured in violence which spread to republican areas of Londonderry and other towns in the province. Security forces were not involved in the killing, they said.

In a new tactic, the army Friday raided the funeral of Joe McDonnell who Wednesday became the fifth hunger striker to die in the latest protest by jailed IRA guerrillas seeking the status of political prisoners. They wounded two of three masked gunmen in the firing party, capturing one. In the past, security forces working under cover have mingled with funeral crowds to try to identify gunmen. But they have refrained from directly attacking masked guerrillas who traditionally escort dead gunmen to their graves.

In a statement, the IRA condemned what it called terrorist attack on thousands of unarmed civilians, including women and children, in the funeral. As well as the injured policeman, hit by a blast bomb, there was sporadic petrol bombing during the night and a bank was damaged by explosives but there were no serious injuries, police said. The violence did not reach the scale seen after the deaths of other hunger strikers and was not as serious as that often encountered in the province.

Oil glut Prices under pressure

BAHRAIN, July 12 (R) — OPEC countries are undergrowing pressure to cut their refined oil product prices as Saudi Arabia maintains its campaign to force down crude oil prices, oil industry analysts said Sunday.

The threat to prices comes from oil companies which buy Saudi Arabian oil, which at \$32 a barrel is the cheapest in OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries).

These companies, which formerly owned the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO), have access to supplies of crude as the Kingdom maintains production at a near-record 10.3 million barrels per day (BPD). The analysts said that in the past couple of weeks some of the so-called Aramco partners — Exxon, Texaco, Standard Oil Company of California and Mobil — had begun to deliver surplus crude to their refineries.

This provided them with refined products at up to \$4 less than the cheapest alternative OPEC oils and about \$8 lower than the most expensive. Previously the Aramco partners had been stockpiling oil in giant tankers at sea, hoping to make a profit if Saudi Arabia raised its official price.

But there is a limit to how much oil can be kept afloat, especially with the high world interest rates making financing costly, the analysts said. The new supplies of cheap refined products are making it difficult for OPEC countries' national oil companies to justify their prices in negotiations with customers, they said.

Refining companies are also being tempted to buy cheap Saudi Arabian refined products and pass them on to customers rather than buy more expensive crude from other OPEC countries and add their own refining costs.

The OPEC countries have generally rejected Saudi Arabia's call for lower official crude oil prices but some some producers may have to cut product prices to keep customers, they said. The 13 OPEC countries can refine over six million barrels of crude a day and plan to boost refinery capacity in the 1980s. Saudi Arabia has been holding its production high as part of an attempt to get OPEC to introduce a system of indexed pricing.

Ahmed Zaki Yamani argues this would spare the West from the sudden and unpredictable increases of the present ad hoc pricing system.

Meanwhile, the authoritative *Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)* said Sunday some members of OPEC are beginning to suffer serious damage from the current oil glut. Output among African members of OPEC — Nigeria, Libya, Algeria and Gabon — has dropped sharply and further drastic cuts are proposed, MEES says.

MEES said Africa was not the only one pressed to cut prices in the market. Oman and neighboring Dubai were facing a sizeable loss of volume and Mexico was said to have lost 700,000 BPD of its 1.5 million BPD of exports.

In New York, U.S. oil industry executives said while a crude oil surplus is trimming some top rates, the odds are against any wholesale cash-off of oil prices.

"It does seem that the rate of real increase in crude oil prices over the next 10 years is most unlikely to be as high as the rate of real increase from 1972 said Jack C. Bennett, a senior vice-president of Exxon Corporation, the world's biggest oil company.

He told Reuters he could not foresee Saudi Arabia letting the current surplus in the market down its own price \$32 a barrel, which serves as the base price of OPEC. However, many officials in U.S. industry assume Saudi Arabia could roughly halve its output to around five million BPD although some analysts doubt whether it could cut back to quite that extent.

Five Pakistanis killed in border clash with India

NEW DELHI, July 12 (R) — Indian troops killed five Pakistani soldiers during an exchange of fire across the border at Poonch, in north-west India, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported Monday. PTI said the exchange took place Sunday after Pakistani soldiers fired without provocation.

An Indian army captain was killed in a similar incident at Poonch, in Jammu and Kashmir state, last Tuesday. The two countries, which have fought three wars since 1947, share a disputed control line in Kashmir.

PTI also quoted unnamed defense analysts as saying Pakistan had deployed 350,000 troops — 15 infantry and two armored divisions, three artillery brigades and 15 air defense regiments — along its border with India.

"While raising the hodge to an imminent threat from Afghanistan, Pakistan has been engaged in a program of gradual increase in its defense forces all along the Indian border," the agency claimed.

"Defense experts were surprised that Pakistan, which claimed that it had Russians at its door, had deployed only four divisions of infantry and a single armored division to safeguard its vulnerable border areas including the mountain passes of Bolan and Khyber of the Karakoram range," PTI said.

The agency quoted defense sources as saying, "we are neither complacent nor pantyky because of the Pakistan buildup."

"We come to only one conclusion — that this amassing of arms is not good for India," the agency quoted an unnamed former army general as saying.

Reagan said seeking time to reduce interest rates

NEW YORK, July 12 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan will ask leaders of the major industrial countries for more time to bring down high U.S. interest rates during the three-day Ottawa summit due to open next Sunday, *The New York Times* reported Sunday. European allies have blamed the soaring rates for affecting their economies.

The *Times* article, entitled "Reagan will urge patience by allies on interest rates," cited government sources. It said Reagan would also ask the heads of France, Britain, West Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada to exercise more control over the transfer of technology to the Soviet Union.

The U.S. president will also stress his policy of maintaining trade with the Soviet Union at current levels, in view of Moscow's international conduct, the paper said.

The *Times* said that Reagan was preparing to pledge aid to third world countries. But he would emphasize the difference direct action supported by U.S. allies, and a system of private loans and investments by the private sector, which Washington advocates.

The newspaper called these points secondary, however, saying Reagan's main objective in Ottawa was to become better acquainted with other leaders of major industrial countries.

It will be the first industrial nations summit meeting for Reagan, as well as for newly-elected French President Francois Mitterrand, Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini.

Iraq sets terms for U.S. ties

KUWAIT, July 12 (AP) — Iraq will not resume diplomatic ties with the United States until Washington decreases its support to Israel, a leading member of the Iraqi revolutionary command council was quoted Sunday as saying.

Taha Yassin Ramadan, first deputy prime minister and member of the RCC, also said that Iraq will not withdraw its forces from Iranian areas unless the Tehran regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini recognize Iraq's "legitimate rights to its own waters and territory."

Ramadan's statement was contained in an interview with the newspaper *Al-Siyasah*.

"The day Iran recognizes these rights is a sure date for the withdrawal of our forces to border lines to be agreed upon, in line with the principle of good neighborhood and non-intervention (in each others' affairs)," he said.

Ramadan said mediation efforts by the United Nations, the nonaligned nations group and others so far have produced no concrete bases for ending the war, which broke out last September.

Ramadan criticized the United States for its "unchanging bias against the Arabs in Israel's favor."

"The (June 7) Israeli air attack on Iraq's nuclear reactors was fresh proof of U.S. pro-Israeli bias," he said. "Before we can take a decision on resuming ties we must be given to feel that the U.S. Mideast policy is being changed."

Iraq severed diplomatic relations with Washington in 1967, after accusing the United States of siding with Israel in the war against the Arabs. Ramadan said that relations with the Soviet Union were strained two years ago, mainly on account of differences between the Baghdad government and the Iraqi communist party which is banned in that Arab country.

Another reason for the strain, he said, was Iraq's denunciation of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. "There is a third reason for the strain: Moscow's failure to honor contracts for supplying Iraq with military spare parts and equipment," he complained. "These contracts were signed before the outbreak of war with Iran."

He added that Iraq rejected a Soviet explanation that these contracts were being "frozen" because of a Kremlin decision to stay neutral in the Iraq-Iran conflict.

Arab dhow tests Sinbad's route

PEKING, July 12 (R) — An Arab dhow, *The Sohar*, has arrived in the south China city of Canton after a seven-month, 6,000-mile voyage to test the legendary route of Sinbad the Sailor, Captained by British adventurer Tim Severin and sponsored by the Omani government, the dhow left Muscat on Nov. 23 to follow the route said in *1,001 Arabian Nights* to have been taken by Sinbad 1,200 years ago.

Using only replicas of ninth century navigation equipment, including a compass made of small tablets strung on a cord, *The Sohar* reached the Pearl River port of Huangpu (Whampoa) earlier this month. The 14 crewmen — eight Omanis, four Britons, an Indian and an American — were welcomed at an official ceremony in Canton by Nhuang Zhen, minister in charge of cultural relations with foreign countries.

The new China News Agency said the dhow was escorted into dock at Canton by a Chinese naval vessel. Firecrackers lit the sky and a traditional lion dance was performed to Chinese and Arab music.

The dhow, its planks held together by coconut fibre and tree gum without a single nail, was built by Omani craftsmen in traditional style. Powered only by sail, *The Sohar* survived several storms as it followed the old maritime silk route via India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Singapore.

Capt. Severin, who once sailed a cowhide boat from Ireland to North America via Iceland will Monday take *The Sohar* down the Pearl River to Hong Kong, where it will be handed over to the Omani Navy on July 15 for transport home.

Nuclear attack will strike doom for U.S. city, report says

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AFP) — Survivors of a nuclear strike against an American city would be left as no more than "living dead," according to a shock report just published here by the bulletin of *Atomic Scientists*.

Its author, Professor Jack Geiger from the city college of New York, said that a thermonuclear bomb of one megaton would devastate a city like San Francisco.

He quoted the U.S. arms control and disarmament agency as having established that a single bomb of one megaton exploding over San Francisco would kill 624,000 and badly injure 306,000.

It had also found that a 20-megaton bomb — the equivalent of 1,400 Hiroshima bombs — would leave 1,538,000 dead and 738,000 injured, but Geiger said in his article that these were serious under-estimates, 25 percent short of the real total.

A one-megaton bomb, he said, would kill 22 percent of the San Francisco region's population and injure 33 percent, while one of 20 megatons would raise the respective percentages to 53 and 77.4 — 1,923,000 dead, 2,797,000 injured.

"There is no identifiable event in human history when a million people have been killed in one place at one moment, and there is no previous situation in which there were 400,000 variously injured human beings in one place," he wrote.

Geiger, professor of community medicine at the college's school of biomedical education, painted a grim picture of the havoc wreaked by a nuclear attack.

Tens thousands of survivors would have third-degree burns, and others in a radius of 35 miles (56 kms) of the explosion would be blinded. The blast would also rupture eardrums, leaving countless people deaf.

"Even assuming that the fire-storm from a nuclear attack conveniently incinerates 500,000 of the dead in a one-megaton attack, there will remain some 300,000 or more decomposing human corpses in the bay area of San Francisco," the professor wrote.

This scenario did not even include the horror of mass radiation. Thousands would die of radiation within hours or days, but others faced a long, lingering death.

Worse, doctors would be scarce, a detailed study of one American city having found that a nuclear holocaust would leave 1,700 injured survivors for every physician.

If each doctor worked 20 hours a day and saw one patient every 10 minutes, it would be eight days before all the injured were seen once by a doctor.

"Most of the wounded will die without medical care of any sort," Geiger said, "most will die without even the simple administration of drugs for the relief of pain."

Furthermore, this would be happening in an area with no electricity or transport, no hospitals, no-one to fight fires raging throughout the city — and no hope of outside help, because other towns could be equally ravaged.

"There will be no safe water supply or sanitation," he added.

The dangers of all-out nuclear war between the United States and Soviet Union were spelled out in another article in the same review.

Among its findings:

- More than 200 million men, women and children would be killed immediately.
- More than 60 million would be injured and 20 million burned.
- Medical resources would be incapable of coping because 80 percent of doctors would be dead and 80 percent of hospital beds destroyed.
- Temperatures would be so high, oxygen so reduced and toxic gases so penetrating that nuclear shelters would become crematoria.
- Both reports agreed that only one solution existed — prevent nuclear war.

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Gulf states urge end to piracy and fraud

DAMMAM, July 12 (SPA) — A comprehensive study about the detrimental effects of piracy and fraud on imports has been completed by Arab Chambers of Commerce in the Gulf. The Chambers are now in the process of contacting international chambers to warn them about the problems and will soon attempt to amend marine transportation laws in an effort to safeguard the rights of importers.

Kazem Al-Muhaidi, secretary general of the Gulf Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture here Sunday that the economic situation is in constant touch with international chambers of commerce. He said the Federation has just completed a comprehensive study about maritime piracy and fraud. This practice is wreaking havoc on the Gulf imports.

He urged governments to take steps to protect the international marine transportation and work for a new law that will protect the Industrial Nations and the Gulf to protect the importers interests.

Muhaidi called on the governments to submit their proposals to the United Nations of the U.N. so that all the member states may be bound to combat piracy and fraud.

take steps to punish those found guilty of such offenses.

The study, Muhaidi said, urges the Gulf states to take a united stand in relation to countries which encourage piracy and prosecute individuals who indulge in such deception. "We have to stop dealing with such individuals and companies by contacting our law enforcement agencies and maintaining pressure on these crooks," Muhaidi said.

The study included references to other fraudulent practices and names of questionable companies and individuals who must be excluded from any future contacts.

In a press statement in June, Muhaidi said the Federation had called on its members to take precautionary measures to avoid damage caused by dishonest conduct and piracy. "We are being adversely affected," he said then.

Muhaidi said the present regulations protected the interests of exporters and insurance companies but not those of importers in the Gulf and the Third World. He cited the recent decision by Lloyds of London to withdraw additional premiums imposed on freight insurance to the Gulf under Arab pressure.

maiden voyage

Largest ship visits Jeddah

By Alan K...

JEDDAH, July 12 — The world's largest container ship paid a 24-hour visit to Jeddah Islamic Port during its maiden voyage from Hamburg, West Germany, to the Far East Saturday. The DM110 million Frankfurt Express stopped to unload its first consignment of cargo.

Jeddah's Hapag-Lloyd representative, Wolfram Dornieden, said the vessel has a capacity of 3,045 TEU and is the largest of its type to be introduced to the Far East service lines by his company. According to the representative, the number of ships plying to this Red Sea port has increased from five to 12 per month by the vessels plying the Far East trade.

In addition, the line's services have increased significantly. In 1979, cargo deliveries totaled 100,000 TEU per month, and more than 200 TEU in 1980. By 1981, Hapag-Lloyd ships were delivering 500 TEU per month, Dornieden said.

As a result of shipping lines offering different areas, competition is increasing among other lines such as Ever Green, the Nippon Yusen and Hong Kong.

which went bankrupt recently, has.

The Frankfurt Express also will serve as a training ship with accommodations for 12 trainees. They will have the use of special facilities for training deck and engineering officers, as well as ship's mechanics. A training officer and a technical specialist will be on board to give them instruction. The first group of trainees is to join the ship at the beginning of 1982.

Although cargo container service is increasing throughout the world, the Kingdom still relies on conventional service. This is a result of the need for large project equipment that cannot be containerized due to size.

However, the need for ships such as the 287 meter-long Frankfurt Express remains, Dornieden said. The ship's size permits reduction of energy costs and reduces overhead capital costs. As it is, the ship's daily capital cost amounts to DM100,000 per day.

The diesel-powered vessel has a twin-hulled design with 11 watertight bulkheads distributed over the entire height of the hull. The service areas and tanks are located between the bulks. Should leaks occur, then the space between pairs of bulkheads form watertight sections.

\$20m capital Arab oil engineering firm set up

ABU DHABI, July 12 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Dr. Mana Said Al Otaiba opened the constituent meeting of the Arab Petroleum Engineering Company here Sunday.

The establishment of the company was approved at the meeting of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, (OAPEC) oil minister in Algiers in June last year. It will have an authorized capital of \$20 million and specialize in offering advice on various petroleum projects in the nine member-states of the organization. Otaiba said the company, the first of its kind in the Arab world, will also contribute in transferring modern technology from the developed countries as part of the comprehensive development plan witnessed by the Arab oil producers.

He also conveyed the greetings of Lt. Gen. Khalifa bin Zayed, the crown prince of Abu Dhabi and deputy supreme commander of the armed forces, as well as his thanks for choosing Abu Dhabi as the company's headquarters. He said that the UAE government would ensure that all facilities are offered for the company and its personnel.

Present at the meeting were also, Ali Atiqa, the secretary general of OAPEC; and Dr. Mahmoud Hamra Krouba, managing director of the Abu Dhabi national oil company (ADNOC); as well as representatives from the national oil companies in member states.

Seven of OPEC's member-states namely, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Iraq and Libya have participated with 12 percent of the paid up capital of \$12 million, while Algeria and Syria share four percent each. The remaining eight percent has gone to the Saudi-based Arab Petroleum Investment Corp.

An agreement establishing the company was signed in March and Otaiba had said then



Dr. Mana Said Otaiba

that this ministry will ask the company to prepare studies on several petroleum projects. The company will undertake two main fields of services: technical studies and plan operations.

The company would be able to operate soon depending on its scientific efficiency and the support of the UAE government. Several Arab petroleum experts working in various developed countries have been employed to operate the company.

According to a recent study, the Arab petroleum exporting countries are undertaking a program over the coming ten years involving a sum of \$10 billion.

An Arab oil expert has said that the aim of the company was also to minimize the brain-drain which is being experienced by a number of Arab countries, and to encourage Arab manufacturing companies to start selling "our own equipment".

Ali Atiqa said preparations for the establishment of the company took three years to complete.

Gruno lauds military ties with Kingdom

RIYADH, July 12 (SPA) — French Defense Minister Charles Gruno lauded military cooperation between France and Saudi Arabia Sunday. Gruno said military cooperation could be considered as one of the elements on which the close ties between his country and the Kingdom were established. In a statement to *Al Riyadh*, he expressed his country's determination to continue its contribution in developing and equipping the Saudi Arabian navy and armed forces. He said he hoped that France's contribution could be extended to include the Saudi Arabian Air Force.

The French Defense Minister also expressed the new government's respect for the arms agreement France has concluded with

Arab states so far and promised help in this regard. Gruno also assured his country's respect for other states right to develop and obtain nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

Ministerial panel meets

TAIF, July 12 (SPA) — A ministerial committee formed by Crown Prince Fahd to support Saudi Arabian contractors and encourage them met here Sunday to review steps to be taken to realize its objectives.

The meeting was attended by the ministers of finance and national economy, planning, communications, commerce and industry and electricity. Its recommendations will be submitted to Prince Fahd for action to help the local contractors and boost the economy.

Faisal foundation outlay increased to SR1 billion

RIYADH, July 12 (SPA) — The initial capital of King Faisal Foundation has grown to SR1 billion, it was disclosed here Saturday. A spokesman for the society said the board of trustees met recently under its chairman Prince Abdullah, elder son of the late King Faisal, and decided that the society's net assets will constitute its initial capital.

The board also fixed a target capital for the society through donations and reserves. The spokesman said that 20 percent of the net profits will be retained as a reserve to reach the target capital, 10 percent as reserve to keep up with inflation, five percent reserve for contingencies (which might go up to 25 percent of the target capital.) The reserves will begin with the available sum of SR60 million. The rest will be called net revenue after expenses have been deducted. The board will meet again on Sept. 3 to adopt its budget for 1982.

Meanwhile, the general assembly of Riyadh Welfare Society met here Saturday evening under its chairman Prince Salman, Riyadh governor. The society's objectives are to help the poor in a discrete manner by visiting them at home. The society helps more than 10 thousand families at present. Prince Salman said.

It also channels aid to other societies throughout the Kingdom when the donor expresses the wish that aims be given to all the societies in Saudi Arabia. It also coordinates

Computer contract signed

RIYADH, July 12 (SPA) — Abdullah Muhammad Al-Ghanim, head of the regional bureau for the Middle East committee for the blind, signed Sunday a contract with a specialist company for designing and installing computer facilities to the Riyadh office. The new equipment will change Arabic and English books to Braille for the blind to read, he said. The new system will print 360 pages of ordinary books in Braille per hour, he added.

nates efforts with the Finance and National Economy Ministry to distribute King Abdul Aziz's alms. Moreover, the society helps indebted prisoners by contributing to their release.

Prince Salman thanked King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for their constant support to the society. He also expressed his gratitude to all those who make contributions and urged people to assist to the poor.

The society's revenues totaled to SR24,204,355.99 during fiscal year 1980-81, according to the balance sheet read out by Abdul Aziz Al-Abdullah Al-Salch, the society's acting secretary general. Donations went up from SR17,515,440.07 in 1979-80 to SR23,222,305.99 this year. Likewise, the subsidy given by the Finance Ministry increased from SR30,000 to SR500,000 during the same period.

Members subscriptions which amounted to SR10,250 in 1979/80 also rose to SR19,750 this year. In addition, 20,000 copies of a religious book prepared and sold by the society was sold to the Education Ministry which will soon settle the price.

Expenditure totaled to SR32,358,543 in 1980-81. Aid given by the society increased from SR14.2 million last year to SR14.7 million this year. Another SR2 million was distributed to welfare societies throughout the Kingdom. A SR2 million loan was extended to a project for the benefit of handicapped sportsmen. An amount of SR17 million was invested in shares in Buraidah Electricity Company which yield an annual revenue of more than 15 percent of the share value.

The society issued a public tender for a SR50 million welfare complex at Deriya. The project calls for the construction of 27 schools for the memorization of the Holy Quran, a dispensary, and a mosque. Preliminary designs for the construction for the society's headquarters have been submitted. The society also will build headquarters for the committee entrusted with distributing aid to needy families in Riyadh region.

Prayer and Fasting Times

Monday 12 Ramadan:

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'Spoiling talks with Reagan'

Opposition attacks upset Sadat

CAIRO, July 12 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat has accused the Egyptian opposition of trying to spoil his first meeting with U.S. President Ronald Reagan next month which is aimed at revitalizing the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks with Israel.

He said anti-government placards posted on the entrance of the syndicate building had been pictured and broadcast over U.S. television networks as a prelude to the campaign. About 100 lawyers have been staging a sit-down strike at their syndicate building since June 26 to protest what they called a concrete government campaign to dissolve the syndicate's current board of directors because of their opposition to Sadat's foreign and domestic policies.

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China blasts Soviet Afghan stand

PEKING, July 12 (AFP) — China Sunday accused the Soviet Union of having further hardened its position on a "negotiated withdrawal" of its troops from Afghanistan and of using "gangster logic" to justify its continued intervention there.

The official New China News Agency (NCNA) said that Moscow's latest three-point "pre-conditions" for an eventual withdrawal actually went further than the Kremlin's April 1980 five-point proposal. The NCNA commentator said the 1980 terms called for negotiations between Afghanistan and its neighbors, while the latest terms made no reference to that idea and demanded three "pre-conditions": "No intervention in Afghanistan from the soil of Pakistan and Iran, guarantee of Afghanistan's status of nonalignment, and guarantee of security of the Chinese border."

The Chinese agency said the Kremlin was acting "as though it is not the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan which threatens world peace, but some other countries which are threatening the Soviet Union." NCNA said the Soviet Union was trying to win "international recognition for the puppet regime" of Babrak Karmal, so that "its own act of aggression would automatically become legitimate."

The state-run radio also reported that 12 persons were freed from prison in Kunduz, a provincial capital 388 kilometers north of Kabul. No other details were given.

Habib, McFarlane arrive in Israel

TEL AVIV, June 12 (AP) — American envoy Philip Habib arrived in Israel Sunday from Lebanon to continue his Mideast shuttle diplomacy aimed at resolving the Israel-Syria missile tension.

Robert McFarlane, a senior aide to Secretary of State Alexander Haig also arrived for discussions on Israeli use of American-made weapons in its raid on Iraq's nuclear research center last month. Reporters were not allowed to cover either arrival. Habib is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Menahem Begin later Sunday, and McFarlane is to meet with Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzham Shamir Monday morning.

He would ask the legislative body to investigate the lawyers' behavior. He said the outcome of such investigation would be made public "so that the people can judge" what sort of opposition the lawyers and other political parties are leading.

Turning to his talks with Reagan, Sadat said "studies" are now being exchanged with Washington in preparation for the summit but did not go into details. He reiterated that Egypt has no problem with Israel after an agreement was reached on a multi-national force to patrol the two countries borders after the Israeli troops complete evacuating Sinai in April next year.

The United States, which is sending 800 soldiers to the force, has said it is willing to bear the brunt of the first year's operating costs estimated at \$200 million.

Sadat criticized the Soviet Union for opposing the creation of the force through the United Nations as originally called for by the American-sponsored Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Sadat said he would attempt in talks with Reagan to give a new push to the Middle East peace process. Sadat added Israel and Egypt respected the Camp David peace treaty and had implemented it in good faith. Vice President Hosni Mubarak, speaking at the same meeting, said the long-stalled negotiations for Palestinian autonomy would be resumed within weeks.

Sadat said the Palestinian problem remained a crucial issue. He insisted that there should be an end to Israeli military rule on the Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip to enable the Palestinians to decide their own future.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad arrived Saturday in Tripoli, the Libyan News Agency Jana reported. Word had been in Damascus that Assad's talks would focus on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Col. Muammar Qaddafi and Libya's leadership were at the airport to greet the Syrian visitor, who was accompanied by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam.

BEIRUT, (R) — The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said Saturday it had shelled an Israeli border settlement Friday night in retaliation for an Israeli air raid on its positions in south Lebanon earlier in the day. The group said in a

Arabs fail to hit U.S., Arafat says

BEIRUT, July 12 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat said in a magazine interview published here Sunday the Arab nation failed to "retaliate adequately against the United States" for Israel's air attack on Iraq's nuclear research center.

"This has been a purely American operation," Arafat told *Al-Mawkef Al-Arabi* (Arab position) magazine. "The weapons were American, the planes American and the technology American. So it was American all around." Arafat described the Israeli involvement in the June 7 raid on the French-made research center near Baghdad as "another 1967 war."

"In 1967, we lost land to the enemy but not the will to fight," Arafat was quoted as saying. "But today we have failed as a united Arab nation to retaliate adequately for this American operation. This means we lost a new war without fighting it."

He also said he felt it an affront to the Arab nation that U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib was able to continue his peacemaking mission in the Middle East after the Israeli raid.

Syrian minister vows missiles will stay

DAMASCUS, July 12 (AP) — Syrian Defense Minister Mustapha Tlass has vowed that the SAM-6 missiles will remain in Lebanon despite Israeli threats to destroy the anti-aircraft batteries, state-controlled newspapers reported Sunday.

"Our missiles are in Lebanon to stay and to defend our troops," Tlass was quoted as saying in a speech Saturday night to Syrian peacekeeping troops in the northern Lebanon city of Tripoli. "Any threats do not scare us... In fact, we are the ones causing fears to others." Tlass, a lieutenant general who is also deputy commander-in-chief of Syria's armed forces, congratulated the Syrian troops on shooting down unmanned Israeli reconnaissance drones and for "successful fighting against the tails of Zionism and imperialism in Lebanon," a reference to rightwing Christian Phalangists.

For treason Nine executed in Iran

TEHRAN, July 12 (Agencies) — Nine more persons went before firing squads in Iran Sunday raising to 160 the number of executions since the clashes June 20 between supporters and opponents of ex-President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

The official news agency Pars said five supporters of the leftist People's Mujahedeen were shot at dawn in Behshahr, north Iran, after being convicted by a revolutionary court of rebelling against the Islamic Republic. They were found guilty of "armed uprising against the republic, creating disorder, assaulting their opponents and insulting the militant clergy," Pars said.

Four others, including two members of the people's Fedayeen Movement, were executed in the Kurdistan city of Sanandaj for having fought against Iranian revolutionary guards and troops, Tehran radio reported.

Meanwhile, the official newspaper of the ruling Islamic Republic Party reported Sunday, fire rangers destroyed two Tehran street kiosks selling copies of the Quran and other Islamic literature. It said the fires were the work of "counterrevolutionaries" who struck Saturday the same day as unidentified people threw a petrol bomb at a kiosk selling revolutionary guards' propaganda material.

In another development, an Iranian newspaper close to authorities Sunday accused three South Korean diplomats expelled from

Iran last week of spying for the United States. The English-language *Kayhan International* said the "task" of espionage was assigned to the South Korean embassy "following the occupation of the American center of espionage (embassy) and subsequent closure of the British, Canadian and Egyptian embassies". The report cited no evidence.

Tehran radio announced Saturday 70 oppositionists have been arrested at Zandjan, 250 kms west of Tehran. The oppositionists were identified as leftwing Mujahedeen, arrested in 28 different houses.

"Photographs of ex-President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Moleta, cocktail and pamphlets" were found when these houses were searched, the radio added.

It also reported that at Mashhad, in the east of the country, a "plotting center" had been uncovered where "typewriters, pamphlets, and 7,000 were seized. The radio did not say how many persons were arrested at Mashhad."

Iranian revolutionary prosecutor Ali Gholouzi Saturday accused small leftist groups opposed to the Islamic regime of preparing "new terrorist operations and acts of subversion." In a communique quoted by Radio Tehran, Gholouzi said the groups were considered "corrupt" and "at war against God." He vowed that members and sympathizers of the groups would be dealt with by authorities "in accordance with the commandments of the Qur'an."

Over Gemayel's 'copter flight Cyprus protests to Lebanon

NICOSIA, July 12 (R) — Cyprus has protested to Lebanon over a helicopter flight to Cyprus by Lebanese militia leader Bashir Gemayel, an official statement said.

Passengers including Gemayel, head of the Phalangist right-wing Christian militia, were refused permission to transfer to another aircraft when they arrived at Larnaca, Cyprus, Friday. The flight had been officially described as a training mission, but after landing it was revealed that the main purpose was transportation of passengers, the statement said. They were sent back aboard the helicopter, it added.

Over Gemayel's 'copter flight

Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis summoned Lebanese Charge D'Affaires Alexander Ammoun Saturday to express displeasure and ask that such incidents be avoided, the statement said. Civil aviation authorities were told that the helicopter was coming from Beirut but Cyprus Foreign Ministry sources said it in fact flew from the right-wing stronghold of Jounieh. The incident had prompted the Cyprus government to turn down an earlier Lebanese government request for a regular helicopter service between Lebanon and Cyprus. Rolandis told the charge d'Affaires.

Shahi tells envoy Pakistan concerned over U.K. riots

ISLAMABAD, July 12 (AP) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi called British Ambassador Oliver G. Forster to his office Saturday and expressed "deep concern" over recent racial incidents in Britain, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

Shahi was quoted as telling the envoy that he hoped the British government would quickly bring the situation under control and restore the confidence of Asian and other immigrant communities. A British embassy spokesman said the meeting lasted about 30 minutes and covered a variety of issues, including British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington's

July 13 visit to Moscow. Pakistan has given quiet encouragement to the European community's proposed conference on the Afghan crisis which Carrington raised with Soviet leaders.

Recent rioting in Britain and the deaths of a Pakistani woman and her children in an apparent arson attack in a section of London have generated considerable reaction in the Pakistani media. The British embassy spokesman said that Forster had expected an appointment with Shahi to discuss the Afghan situation, adding that it would be incorrect to say he had been "summoned" to the foreign ministry.

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Spadolini coalition gets parliament OK

ROME, July 12 (AP) — Republican Giovanni Spadolini has won a vote of confidence, giving him full powers as Italy's first non-Christian Democrat Premier since 1945. But his five-party coalition was already troubled by internal disputes.

The Chamber of Deputies Saturday voted 369 to 247 to endorse Spadolini. The 56-year-old former newspaper editor was sworn in as premier June 18 and won a vote of confidence in the Senate Thursday, but he needed the formal backing of both houses of parliament to serve in more than a caretaker role.

Spadolini's coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals is Italy's 41st post-war government. Except for the choice of a Republican as premier and the inclusion of the Liberals, the structure of the government is the same as the one it replaced.

Mountain cyclist halted for offense

CHAMONIX, Southeastern France, July 12 (AP) — A mountain climber was stopped for an unusual traffic "offense" this weekend above 4,000 meters on the slopes of Mont-Blanc, Western Europe's highest peak. A member of the mountain patrol unit of the French CRS (riot and special duty police) was surprised Saturday to see the climber ascending with a bicycle strapped to his back.

Apparently, the man wanted to reach the summit, at 4,807 meters and then cycle down a glacier. The mountain cyclist had studded the rear tire of his machine for better grip, the bemused officer noted before firmly suggesting a more conventional descent.

Army offensive continues

100 Salvadorans reported killed

SAN SALVADOR, July 12 (AP) — The army has continued its four-day-old push against liberators in northeastern El Salvador and claimed to have killed about 100 fighters.

About 1,500 troops backed by planes, tanks and artillery are reported involved in the drive to break up anti-government strongholds in the districts of Cabanas and Cuscatlan. The army confirmed three wounded, but Saturday papers carried death notices of six soldiers and a military truck driver. The notices did not say when or where they were killed.

The army, meanwhile, accused anti-government of being responsible for the massacre of 46 peasants found late last week in shallow graves in the northern region of Chalatenango. Many of the bodies, most of whom were young men, showed signs of torture and had their thumbs tied behind their backs, tactics used more by the right than by the left.

The army said most of the victims were "patrulleros," civilian militia often accused of taking part in rightist death squads. There was no independent confirmation of the claim. In the capital rumors mounted that Nicaraguan revolutionary hero Eden Pastora, who resigned his post as Nicaragua's vice defense minister "to fight in other wars," had joined the Salvadoran fighters.

A military spokesman who asked that his name not be used said "it could be that he may come here and if that is the case we are ready for him." He added, "Pastora is in error if he thinks he can come here with

The previous cabinet, led by Arnaldo Forlani, fell May 25 after three of its ministers were linked to a Masonic lodge under investigation as a massive criminal conspiracy.

Some commentators have said that Spadolini might be able to govern more easily than Forlani because the opposition Communists would be more willing to cooperate with a non-Christian Democrat. The Communists, however, dashed those expectations in speeches to parliament before the confidence vote.

Llorca to discuss EEC admission with Carrington

MADRID, July 12 (AFP) — Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Llorca will discuss Spain's possible admission to the European Economic Community (EEC) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) when he meets British Foreign Secretary and EEC Commission Chairman Lord Carrington in Brussels Monday, reliable sources said.

The meeting, on the sidelines of the eighth round of negotiations between Spain and the EEC, would also cover the future of British-administered Gibraltar at the southern tip of Spain, the sources said. Spain would formally announce its candidacy for EEC membership in the autumn, according to the Madrid daily *El Pais*.

At the same time it would move to unblock the Gibraltar situation, the paper said. The territory has been subject to a 12-year-old land blockade. The newspaper also said that the event of Spain's joining NATO, the alliance would not require Spanish troops to be stationed in West Germany as part of front-line defenses.



PROTESTER SUBDUED: Case-wielding policemen wrestle with a demonstrator outside Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's residence in New Delhi recently. The demonstrator was trying in vain to break the police cordon and meet Mrs. Gandhi.

Cuba captures 5 U.S.-based commandos

MIAMI, July 12 (AP) — Five commandos trained in the United States and intent on assassinating Cuban President Fidel Castro and sabotaging industrial plants were captured after landing east of Havana, Havana radio has reported.

A Miami-based group of anti-Castro Cuban exiles claimed the five as members and said their capture would not deter the group from its goal of overthrowing the Communist dictator. "We know the men are ours," said Humberto Perez, who identified himself as chief of military operations for Alpha 66. "But this isn't going to stop us."

Perez said Saturday he could not identify the five men Havana radio said were captured on July 5 because Alpha 66 has sent more than 40 commandos to Cuba in recent months. He said Alpha 66 sent six men to Cuba July 4. He said he discussed the reported capture Saturday with Alpha 66 members who are training for clandestine missions in Cuba.

"Everyone said they want to continue, they want to go to Cuba," he said in a telephone interview. Alpha 66 claims thousands of members throughout the United States. It has long been one of the most influential of the dozens of splinter exile groups that have tried to keep alive the 22-year dream of ousting Castro.

The radio report, monitored in Miami, said the five "counterrevolutionary elements" carried North American-made weapons and explosives and had left the United States "in a speedy craft with the purpose of infiltrating Cuba."

The broadcast said the five were captured by combined forces of the Cuban Interior Ministry and the Cuban Armed Forces Ministry on the northern coast of Matanzas province.

The commandos, carrying provisions and propaganda, planned an assassination attempt against Castro July 26, the radio report said. The day marks the 28th anniversary of a strategic victory by Castro's revolutionary forces and will be celebrated in the eastern Cuban city of Las Tunas.

A spokesman for the FBI in Miami said he had no information about the report. In Washington, spokesman David Nall said the State Department had received no official confirmation that the men had been captured and could not comment on the matter.

In December, Alpha 66 claimed that three of its members were arrested while conduct-

ing commando raids in Cuba and were imprisoned near Havana.

In January, the FBI arrested seven Cuban exiles on federal firearms charges in the Florida Keys. The men were aboard a 28-foot boat, loaded with weapons and explosives, that Alpha 66 said was on its way to Cuba for "anti-Castro activities."

Immigrants flock Austria

VIENNA, July 12 (AFP) — It is not an invasion, but it is almost one: Each day now almost 200 persons, a majority of them Poles, flood into the Austrian refugee camp of Traiskirchen, about 20 kms south of here, in hopes of obtaining political asylum.

More than 7,400 persons have gone to Traiskirchen since the beginning of the year, an increase of 177 percent over the same period last year. Of the total, 4,600 are Polish. And the flood of emigration from the political troubled country shows no signs of letting up.

According to the Polish news agency PAP, some 100,000 persons intend to leave Poland this year to work in other countries, particularly in the West. The increased figure has been attributed in part to Polish authorities allowing whole families to go. But the continued wave of immigration has raised concern in Austria.

Interior Minister Erwin Lanc has called on Canada, the United States and Australia to increase their quota for immigrants from the East. Traiskirchen is often used as only a waystation for emigrants heading to other countries.

However, the wait for permission to move on is often long — between four to six weeks to get into Australia and up to six months for the United States. While emigrants wait, the Austrian government total foots the bill for the Traiskirchen camp.

This year, the government expects to pay a total of \$300 million for the service, including the about \$8 pocket money each

refugee gets every two weeks. A total of 84 persons work at the camp, including a doctor and a dentist. The medical services are often geared to helping the numerous refugees get over depression caused by their first days of culture shock and red tape.

There is also a "quarantine" period of about two weeks for single men as they wait for documents to be processed. Life in the camp, a former military school, is far from luxurious. Some of the dormitories contain up to 100 beds. Other refugees are housed in cottages neighboring the camp.

But most of the refugees stick it out. Out of the 10,000 persons who have arrived at the camp, only 600 have given up their dream of settling in another country and have returned home. Besides the numbers, the type of refugee from Eastern countries has also changed, says Karl Radek, camp director for the past 18 years.

"Before they arrived completely without," Radek said. "Today many of them come in cars. On the whole, they are better dressed." Most of the refugees are young — between 18 and 25 years of age. They were mainly miners, chauffeurs and other types of workers. While marking time for permission to move on, the refugees try to earn a little cash, mainly under the table.

"We cannot and do not wish to prohibit black market work," Radek says. But Austrian newspapers have charged that the refugees are being grossly exploited. The Poles have been "reduced to slavery" by their employers, one outraged paper said.

Joint communique

Zimbabwe, Zambia to bolster ties

SALISBURY, July 12 (R) — President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe have pledged to strengthen economic, political, defense and security ties between their countries.

In a communique issued at the end of Kaunda's first state visit to Zimbabwe Saturday, they also pledged their solidarity with other African front-line states against what they called South African aggression.

"We are going back very happy indeed," Kaunda told a news conference before leaving with his ministerial delegation. "What we have been able to see shows clearly that the Zambesi is not going to divide us. It is going to unite us." The River Zambesi forms Zimbabwe's northern frontier with Zambia.

Talks between the Zambian president and Mugabe during the five-day visit had taken place in an atmosphere of friendship, cordiality and mutual understanding, the communique said. Relations between the two men had

been strained before Zimbabwe's independence 15 months ago. Kaunda had backed Mugabe's main political rival, Joshua Nkomo, during the seven-year guerrilla war waged against the white rulers of Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe.

"The two leaders reaffirmed their common political will to extend, intensify and consolidate the cooperation between the two countries in all fields, particularly in political, economic, social, cultural, scientific and technological and defense and security spheres for the common benefit of the peoples of Zambia and Zimbabwe," the communique said.

Kaunda and Mugabe paid tribute to black nationalist movements within South Africa. "They pledged full solidarity with the peoples of front-line states who are constant victims of aggression by the South African racist regime in its attempts to destabilize their countries and distract them from contributing to the total liberation of South Africa," the communique said.

BRIEFS

BARCELONA, (AFP) — A Red Cross worker was killed and four others injured, including three drivers, in an accident early Sunday during the 24-hour Barcelona motorcycle race at the Montjuich track here. The Red Cross worker, running to help a driver who had fallen, was knocked over and killed instantly by a motorcycle, whose driver fell. Another driver also fell in this area.

METZ, Eastern France, (AFP) — Sculptor Philippe Kourline, 26, committed suicide at Jarny near here by pouring petrol over himself in his flat and setting himself alight, police said Sunday. Neighbors saw thick smoke coming from under his flat door Saturday and called firemen, but it was too late to save him.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Thirteen passengers were killed and 65 others injured Saturday when a bus skidded off a winding road in the foothills of the Himalayas in India's northern state of Himachal Pradesh and plunged into a gorge, the United News of India reported. Some of the injured passengers were listed in critical condition in hospitals, the agency said.

SAN FRANCISCO, (R) — A man has been arrested in connection with a huge fire

which destroyed or damaged 25 buildings in San Francisco Friday. City officials said the man, identified as Otis Bloom, 38, was being held in jail in lieu of bail of \$25,000, but no charges had been filed against him so far.

LAGOS, (R) — Calm returned to the northern Nigerian city of Kano Saturday after riots in which state government offices and homes were destroyed. Reporters of the Nigerian television authority in Kano said police were patrolling the streets to prevent further violence and life was slowly returning to normal.

BANGKOK, (AP) — A Pepsi-Cola employee in northern Thailand was shot dead Saturday by a Coca-Cola employee following an argument over advertisement posters for soft drinks, the Thai-language newspaper *Daily News* reported Sunday. The paper said Thongyu Maeksuk, 29, an employee of Pepsi-Cola in Nakhon Sawan province, was shot dead by a Coke employee identified only as Tin.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Jagannath Pahadia, head of northern India's populous Rajasthan state and only Harijan among 24 state chief ministers, has resigned after intense Congress Party struggles in the state.

Cambodia conference opens today

UNITED NATIONS, July 12 (Agencies) — Non-Communist countries of Southeast Asia want the international conference on Cambodia opening here Monday to call for a U.N. force to go to that country, oversee withdrawal of Vietnamese troops disarm all Cambodian factions and supervise the election of a new government.

Those are among the points in a proposed declaration for the conference's consideration drafted by Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, members of ASEAN — the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The five, who got the 1980 General Assembly to ask for the conference, have American backing. U.S. chief delegate Jeanne Kirkpatrick told a reporter here Friday, "we are prepared to support the ASEAN countries in their concerns and their initiatives."

The 200,000 Vietnamese troops in Cambodia prop up Heng Samrin's Cambodian government, which they installed in Phnom Penh in January 1979 after chasing Pol Pot's Cambodian government out of that capital. The old government, now headed by Khieu Samphan, is fighting back from the countryside. An earlier Cambodian prime minister, Son Sann, also has guerrillas fighting the Vietnamese. He has come to New York hoping to take part in the conference, which is expected to last five days.

Seventy-five governments — including Khieu Samphan's which is still recognized by the United Nations — have agreed to attend. U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig will speak Monday afternoon.

Vietnam is one of more than 25 countries, the Soviet Union among them, that have tutored down Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's invitations to the conference.

That has prompted predictions here that nothing will come of it. But in Washington last Friday, a senior State Department official told reporters Vietnam was bogged down in Cambodia and suggested that, with the conference as an incentive, it had a good excuse to get out.

The official said the Cambodian guerrillas had taken the offensive, Vietnamese troops had to stick to population centers and communication routes, their morale appeared low, casualties looked significant and desertions were common.

"Internal and external conditions would seem to indicate the time is right for Hanoi to decide to reverse the disastrous course it has followed," he said, "Hanoi has the choice now. It's up to Hanoi to take it."

The proposed declaration, circulating privately among diplomats, contains provisions evidently meant to mollify Hanoi. It says the conference "recognizes Vietnam's right to independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity" and "regrets Vietnam's absence and urges her to attend further sessions of the conference."

It also calls for a commitment by the future elected government of Cambodia never to threaten, or be used to threaten, any neighboring country. Commitments by the United States, Britain, France, China and the Soviet Union and by the countries of Southeast Asia that they will not interfere in Cambodia's internal affairs nor bring it into a military alliance, nor put troops, arms or bases on its territory; and an international aid program for Cambodia.

Meanwhile, China Saturday reiterated that a Vietnamese military withdrawal was a precondition for a negotiated settlement of the Cambodian conflict.



DEFECTOR: Mozambican air force pilot Adriano Bongo, who defected to South Africa with his Soviet-built MiG-17 fighter, at Hoedspruit air base where he touched down and asked for political asylum Wednesday.

Four held in Grenada

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada July 12 (AP) — Grenadian security forces have arrested four persons, including the editor of the recently shutdown *Grenadian Voice*, for their alleged connection "with a CIA plot to overthrow the People's Revolutionary Government," a government statement said. The four were identified as Leslie Pierre of the newspaper, Lloyd Noel, Tilman Thomas and Stanley Roberts. All are residents of Grenada.

The statement said the four belonged to a group called the "Gang of 26" which has been staging "an overall plan" to overthrow the Maurice Bishop's Marxist government. The plan included "a campaign of propaganda destabilization locally and in the region and" acts of economic sabotage by certain elements of the business community "in coordination with" attempted destruction of the Grenadian economy "by the U.S. government, the statement said.

The *Grenadian Voice* was the third independent newspaper to be closed down on the eastern Caribbean island since Bishop gained political control through a coup in 1979.

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China skeptical about U.S. arms deliveries

By Jeffrey Antevil WASHINGTON —

The Reagan administration's decision to lift a ban on arms sales to China has been greeted with skepticism both by Chinese and American officials. Despite a limited relaxation last year, permitting sales of non-lethal military equipment and items with dual civilian-military application, only one small plane has been sold.

The administration has promised to expedite future requests from China, and the Commerce Department has removed one hurdle by easing restrictions on high technology items and promised quicker export licensing procedures.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, on a visit to Peking last month, said sales of arms would be considered on a case-by-case basis, but cautioned that this type of trade was likely to be "slow and measured." Bureaucratic infighting over military-related sales to China is believed to have stalled deliveries under the Carter administration, and appears still to be raging.

Interviews in the State Department and Pentagon indicated continued resistance to the policy by many officials.

Chinese diplomatic sources in Washington said their government was skeptical about U.S. intentions and was waiting for evidence that the administration was ready to act on earlier requests for dual-use equipment. One diplomat said that if these items, including a computer system for use in China's census, could not get through the U.S.

bureaucracy, there seemed little point in submitting new proposals to buy actual military gear or weapons. "The next move is up to the United States," he said.

Defense and State Department officials and U.S. business executives said they sympathized with China's frustration over delays and footdragging in the American bureaucracy. Describing the Cessna company's six-month effort to sell China a plane for aerial photography, a company representative here said: "You can't imagine the ... people that had to sign off on that in each of six agencies."

The \$3 million deal was finally licensed last month, just before China's deadline expired, he said.

A Pentagon official said he appreciated China's feelings "because I have trouble understanding our export administration laws. I don't doubt there are some places where the Chinese can charge us with footdragging." The problem was one of "bureaucratic inertia and mind-sets, including the little old lady in the Pentagon basement who says in horror, 'We can't sell weapons to Red China,'" he said.

The official said the administration was making "fairly extraordinary efforts to clean up our act" and that Chinese Deputy Chief of Staff Liu Huaqing would be encouraged to submit new requests when he visits Washington later this summer.

Other officials, however, said they feared the needs of China's huge but ill-equipped forces could overwhelm U.S. production capacities and lead to demands for vast military aid. Providing China's

4.5-million member People's Liberation Army with even fairly simple equipment such as radios or anti-tank missiles would daunt any nation's defense industry.

But this kind of help would not be enough to enable to mount a convincing defense against even a non-nuclear attack from the vastly superior Soviet forces massed along its borders, the officials said. They predicted that issuing licenses for private arms sales could lead to government-to-government sales under the U.S. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) act and ultimately to grants or loans.

Supporters of the new policy denied that it would put the United States on "some kind of slippery slope" leading to a major arms relationship. They conceded, however, that the administration would have to consider making arms sales a governmental program as those sales grew, since deals involving defense items worth more than \$100 million must be made under FMS. That barrier means, for example, that China would be unable to negotiate privately for even five C-130 transport planes.

Whether or not China would eventually qualify under FMS, U.S. and Chinese officials said Peking had neither the money nor the desire for large quantities of U.S. military hardware. A senior official who briefed reporters accompanying Haig to China said he found no great appetite for American arms. The official said Peking appeared for financial as well as political reasons to be chiefly interested in obtaining access to U.S. technology, so that China could build its own weapons.

Afghan peace plan to test Soviet intention

By David Mason

LONDON —

Although Western Europe's Afghanistan peace plan has little immediate prospect of getting onto a conference table, it is almost bound to yield some valuable trump cards to the West, European diplomats and commentators feel. The British, who drew up the plan and presented it to the Russians earlier last week, nurse lingering hopes that they may accept it, despite a frosty first reaction.

But in any case, "We feel we have a two-headed coin," said a Briton familiar with the motivation behind the plan. The British are called "beads." The plan's aim is to get the 85,000 Soviet troops out of Afghanistan where they have been for about 18 months. The Soviets claim they went in because of "external intervention" endangering the country. They accused China, Pakistan, Iran and the United States.

The plan proposes an international conference grouping those allegedly intervening countries, plus the Soviet Union. In the West's view the Russians above all, were the aggressors in Afghanistan.

The conference would "seek to bring about the cessation of external intervention," but does not put the finger on the "culprits."

In drawing up the plan, the British studied repeated Soviet statements which call for an end to outside interference, and for a political settlement. In "reading back" to the Russians their own liturgy, and without casting specific blame, the British feel they have the Russians in a bind — either they agree to a conference or they could stand accused of not wanting to talk peace, despite their frequent claims to the contrary.

The conservative West German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* said the European peace plan "was useful only because it cast at the proper time a spotlight on the Soviet 'policy of peace'."

A major issue in Western Europe today is cutting back on nuclear missiles by the Soviets and the Western allies. The United States and some Western European countries feel Western Europe should build up its nuclear force to give the United States a strong hand in scheduled arms talks with the Russians. But the United States fears that increasing pacifism and centralism in Western Europe, bred by soothing statements from Moscow, endanger the new missile program and consequently a Western position of strength at the arms talks.

The independent London *Times* said, "The sight of the Soviet Union conspicuously rejecting a perfectly reasonable and tactful proposal for withdrawing its troops... must have a salutary effect on those eager to put the most generous interpretation on Soviet actions."

Thus, more support for missile rearmament by Western Europe may result. The British foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, who took the plan to Moscow, said, "It is obvious that a Soviet refusal to negotiate on Afghanistan makes it impossible to speak of normal relations with the Soviet Union on other matters."

Soviet refusal of the peace plan would in the minds of some Western diplomats, intensify even further the condemnation by much of the Third World of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Carrington at least has an indication from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, to whom he gave the plan, that he will agree to talk about it further at the United Nations in September. The British hope the United Nations will endorse the plan, as have the ten-nation European Common Market and the United States.

The jackpot for the European plan would be to defuse a major cause of East-West tension by leaving Afghanistan independent and nonaligned. But if this doesn't succeed, the Soviets will be even more isolated and hopefully less inclined to drastic solutions of the Polish problem or to negative actions elsewhere in the world, Western diplomats feel. — (AP)

MARITAL OUTLAYS

The cost of marriage in this country has been rising steeply due to inflated demands by the parents of the brides for dowries and the often unrealistic decisions by the two parties to hold sumptuous dinners and extravagant ceremonies. Under Islamic law, the man pays a certain amount of money to the woman to help her prepare for the wedding and buy herself some jewelry.

But to the majority of men these demands have become prohibitive and quite a few of them have delayed their wedding plans until they can afford to foot the parents bills.

Newspaper reports and editorials, counseling by wise people and advice by government leaders have not quite stemmed the tide of excessive marital outlays. Even with the government offer of financial help to would-be husbands through the Saudi Credit Bank, loans were at first limited to SR 5,000 then had to be raised to SR25,000 to keep up. This was necessary, not so much due to the rate of inflation which is quite moderate here, but due to the unusual demands by the bride's family.

The dowry question has now been brought to the attention of no less a religious scholar than Sheikh Abdul Azz ibn Baz, general president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling, propagation and guidance. He considered the question on the behalf of young men who cannot afford to get married on the terms set out by the parents of the girls. And because Islam urges young men to marry as soon as they can to avoid temptation and sin, the Sheikh rightly considered the issue of special interest and importance.

He has issued an appeal for a fund to help young men get married without breaking their budgets and speeding half their married life paying for debts incurred for the marriage. The response has come from the highest level. King Khalid sent him SR5 million, Crown Prince Fahd SR3 million, Defense Minister Prince Sultan SR2 million. Other princes and businessmen followed suit and the fund is getting bigger.

Thus Sheikh ibn Baz has succeeded in highlighting a serious social problem and the government, beginning with King Khalid, has given him the support he needed to proceed with his mission to bring marriage costs down to earth.

It remains to see how the parents of the brides will react to this action by the government and Sheikh ibn Baz. Will they continue to demand blank checks from the suitors or will they relent and realize the wisdom of the government action and the propriety of ibn Baz.

France prepares for decentralization

By Paul Webster

PARIS —

A decentralization bill is to be put before the French parliament this month to start the process of giving executive power to popularly elected regional assemblies and ending nearly 200 years of central government control over local councils. A decision to bury the bill through the Socialist dominated parliament was taken at a special restricted cabinet meeting and may well be the most revolutionary reform introduced by President Mitterrand's regime.

The administration feels it is urgent to put an end to years of often violent claims by the regions that the centralized Paris based system introduced by Napoleon is unjust. A rapid change is possible now, not only because of the Socialist win in the general elections, but because local government is dominated by the left following its sweeping gains in 1977.

One of the first consequences has been an announcement by the Corsican National Liberation

Front that it will suspend bomb attacks, continuing a truce introduced at Mitterrand's election. The Corsican campaign which hundreds of bombs have exploded symbolized national opposition to the previous right wing administration's refusal to consider power sharing.

The measures to go before parliament this month are expected to provide the framework for a series of changes with an immediate reduction in power of local prefects who act as governors. All local councils will be freed from automatic control by the central government, leaving mayors and departmental chairmen with unprecedented executive power.

Defferre, minister of the interior and decentralization, who will present the full outline to a cabinet meeting on July 15 is expected to define which local community charges will be transferred to the state, among them the police. But the key to the devolution will be the redistribution of taxation so that popularly elected regional assemblies will be able to decide their own priorities. Special elections will have to be arranged for the regional councils.

As the process of handing over power is expected to be long and complicated, the minister for planning, Rocard, has been charged with coordinating the economic and political links with local councils. A series of national and local consultations are being planned during the summer so that a series of new bills can be introduced in the autumn.

The measures will probably be vigorously opposed by the centrist and Gaullist opposition. On his election in 1974, former President Giscard d'Estaing said he was in favor of more power for the regions but changed his mind after two years.

Central government control was reinforced in most areas while the president went personally to Corsica to tell the people that there would be no devolution. At the same time, police repression of autonomist movements, particularly in Corsica and Brittany, was stepped up.

The Gaullists, led by Jacques Chirac, base much of their system of government on direct control of local affairs by strong central authority. Gaullist supporters have been the most active in resisting autonomist movements in Corsica.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

In a lead story, *Al-Jazirah* quoted Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jaziri as confirming that the kingdom is free from cholera. *Al-Madina* and *Al-Nadwa* led with the Lebanese situation, highlighting rumors about a message from U.S. President Reagan to Lebanese President Elias Sarris concerning an American proposal for a solution to the crisis in Lebanon and the Middle East. They also highlighted a statement by Arab League Secretary General Chadi Kibi, in which he reasserted all links between the Phalangists and the Israeli authorities. *Al-Bilad* covered as its lead story the total collection, so far, of more than SR18 million for the marriage of the country's poorest deserving youth.

In a front-page story, *Okaz* focused on Pakistani defense minister's visit to Washington and asked whether Pakistan will obtain F-16 warplanes from America. *Okaz* also highlighted America's official announcement that there is no relation between the arms deal with Saudi Arabia and the supply of F-16 aircraft to Israel. *Al-Nadwa* reported violent disturbances in northern Nigeria as well as Iran's recovery of \$2 billion from its frozen assets in the U.S.

Al-Madina highlighted Lebanon's decision to submit a complaint to the U.N. Security Council against the Israeli aggression on South Lebanese villages two days ago. It also gave front-page coverage to the visit of Habib Cherti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), to Washington for talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington's reported statement on his readiness to meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat figured prominently on the front page of *Al-Bilad*.

In an editorial, *Al-Madina* said that the growing sympathy for the Palestine issue has two main reasons. "Firstly, the countries of the world have realized the dimensions of the issue because the Zionist false propaganda has failed to convince them of their evil designs. Secondly, strong ties between the Arab and Islamic states and other countries of the world have reflected a good understanding and a realization of the gravity of the situation which threatens peace in the region," the paper said.

The paper referred to the British foreign secretary's readiness to meet with Arafat and said that this statement was bound to stir Israel, as it would be a new feather in Arafat's cap and a new achievement in PLO's role. It welcomed Carrington's gesture and hoped he would meet Arafat immediately to have a first-hand knowledge of the PLO leader's stances.

Al-Bilad also dealt with Lord Carrington's statement and said that such statements showed an actual continuity in the European role at a time when the British foreign secretary is himself the chairman of the European Council. The paper hoped that through his dual role "the Palestinian problem and other issues of the region will be seen from a different angle whose primary aim would be to bring peace, stability and security in the region."

Discussing the supply of U.S. arms to the Kingdom, *Okaz* noted that when Saudi Arabia requested arms it wanted to defend itself from anyone who was tempted to commit an aggression on it. "If the U.S. decides to supply arms to the Kingdom, it will show a friendly gesture toward the Kingdom. But if it submits to the Zionist pressures, it will undermine its value in the eyes of the world," the paper said. It urged the U.S. to stop supplying arms to Israel, "which is not only threatening the regional peace but also that of the world."

In an editorial, *Al-Nadwa* laid stress on solidarity and urged the Arabs to unite to be able to cope with the Zionist challenges. The paper reminded that Israeli Premier Begin's return to the helm of affairs in Israel "necessitates a strong unity among the Arabs, because he is a terrorist and his destructive aims are no longer secret to anyone."

On the other hand, *Al-Jazirah* dealt with the Soviet Union's logic on its occupation of Afghanistan, and said it was very ridiculous when the Kremlin leaders told Lord Carrington that the Soviet forces would withdraw from Afghanistan when that country becomes safe from any foreign intervention. The paper said that the "foreign threat" which the Soviet leaders made a pretext to stay in Afghanistan is contrary to all international norms and principles. "In fact, Afghanistan faces no threat from any quarter except the Soviet Union, which interfered in Afghanistan in an illegal manner," said the paper.

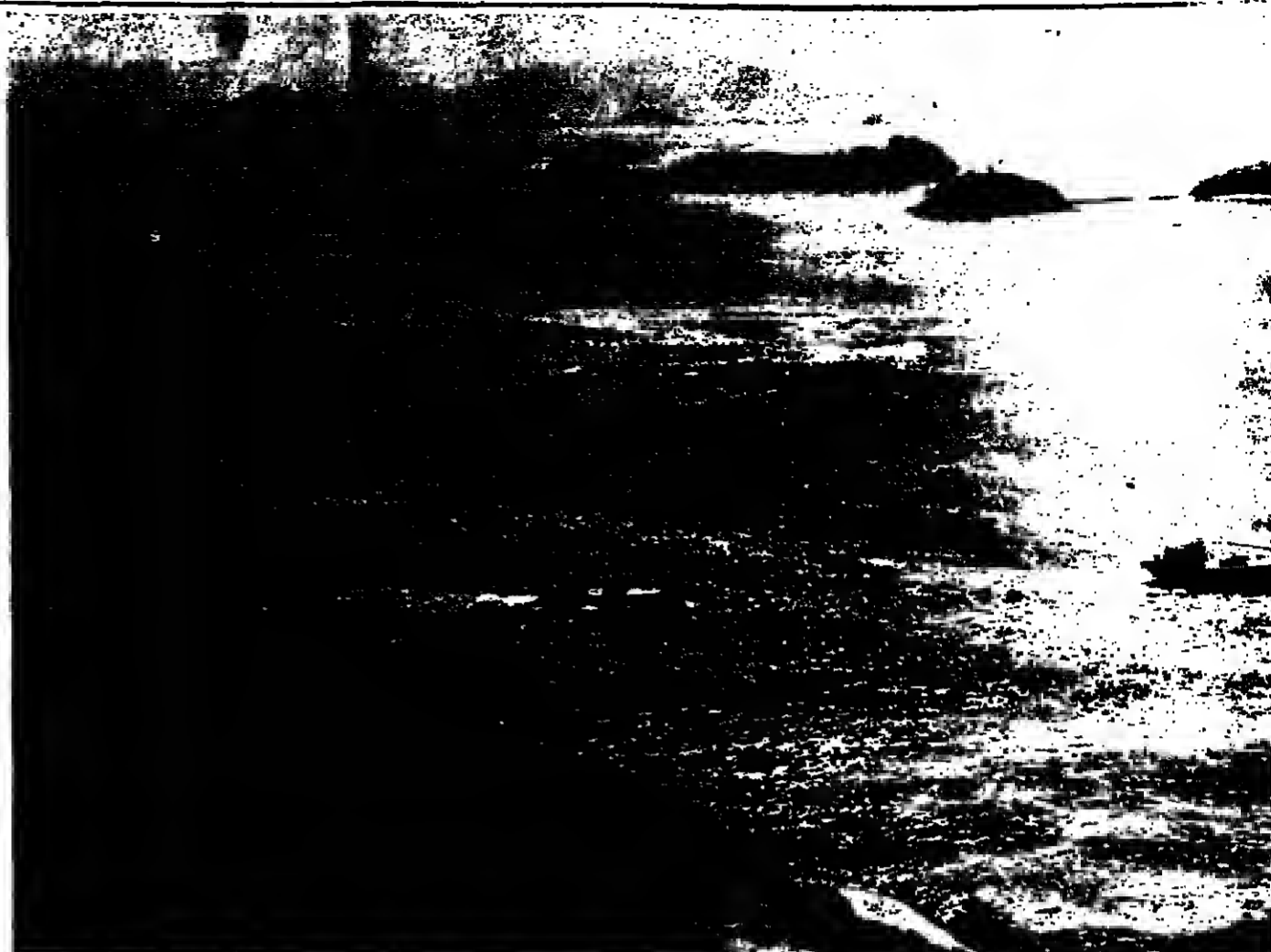


Stabbing Iran, who? Okaz

Portopia '81



JAPANESE PORT AREA: One of the attractions, despite special events, of visiting Japan is the country's modern ports. The nearness of ports also makes an overnight cruise an inexpensive means of transportation. Such a cruise makes it possible to enjoy the exposition before the cruise, enjoy the scenery during the cruise, and the attractions after the cruise. It is possible to complete the whole trip and return to Tokyo in 36 hours but taking longer is recommended.



Portopia '81 shows the 21st century

By William Sexton

KOBE, Japan (LAT) — Like the last New York World's fair, there are a lot of lines to stand in. But Kobe's Portopia '81 adds a fresh dimension to the knee-jerk futurism of previous international fairs. Visitors to the Kobe Port Island Exposition, which runs to Sept. 15, don't just look at imaginary mockups of the next century, they take part in the 21st century on real machinery. And, as you might expect from the Japanese, it's a very electronic — and consumer-oriented century indeed. The people who brought Sony and Panasonic and Toyota and Datsun haven't put away their pocket calculators.

At the theme pavilion, the entire audience sits at two-way video terminals, appears on TV and punches out commands on keyboards readily adaptable for shopping, banking and even office work in the home of tomorrow. At the Port Oasis, visitors watch seawater transformed into fresh water by a new reverse-osmosis process — and drink the result. And in the green air dome, vegetables grow in chemicals instead of earth: a "gas" engine operates there on oils extracted from the plants.

At the Telecommunications Hall, visitors who survive waiting on the line can control a TV camera that scans downtown Tokyo 370 miles away — an interesting idea for the baby-sitter (or security guard) of the future.

This fair, in short, is angled heavily away from the blue-sky daydreaming so customary at such events and toward a very practical, day-after-tomorrow world.

The visitor comes away from a day at Portopia with the firm impression of having just been test-marketed for a made-in-Japan future. It's not a frightening experience at all. As a matter of fact, one finds it rather comforting to join Japanese farmers, factory hands and senior citizens learning to manage video terminals in 25 minutes of fun-filled instruction at the theme pavilion.

The fair's admission price is under \$10 (at early-summer exchange rates), there's an exhaustive 218-page guidebook in English for less than \$3.50, and the rubber-tire overhead tramway — run by computers, naturally — costs only 75 cents from the main rail station in central Kobe on the mainland. The overall admission price provides entry to 32 public pavilions.

There are also dozens of eating places, ranging from McDonald's to a branch of Amsterdam's famous "Five Flies." And next door — at additional charges for each ride from 50 cents to \$2.50 — is an amusement park which has the tallest (210 feet) ferris wheel in the world. One revolution takes 15 minutes. The topside view ranges spectacularly from forested mountaintops north of Kobe to Shikoku, one of Japan's four main home islands, across the inland sea to the south.

Actually, Japan's premiere seaport is such a fascinating metropolis (and off the beaten path of most tourists) that it really doesn't need a fair to justify a visit. The natural harbor where the Pacific ocean meets the inland sea made Kobe the entryway for Chinese culture in the 4th century. After U.S. warships enforced the "open door" policy in 1868, following 250 years of Japanese isolation, Kobe again became the country's main window on the world, long before Tokyo. So, ancient Buddhist temples and Samurai resorts complete with geishas co-exist alongside the bullet train, underground shopping cities and the world's busiest containership port in a remarkable setting.

Kobe sits on a narrow ledge sandwiched between the mountains of central Honshu and Osaka Bay. The lack of land for further growth led the city — now home to 1,370,000 people — to start building Port Island in mid-bay 15 years ago.

Port Island will become a complete downtown. It already has highway and rail connections by bridge, a 32-story hotel, a 1,000-bed hospital, apartments for 20,000 permanent residents and docks to handle 80 percent of Kobe's container traffic. After Portopia '81 closes, the fair's 178 acres will revert to an international conference center and housing complex.

By design, the fair reinforced the city's conviction that more and more of humanity's progress will be derived from the sea — as Port Island was. Of course, the great ocean liners no longer call at Merikan Hakoba, the "American pier" built after Kobe's reopening to foreign trade in 1868. The nearest trans-Pacific air connection is at Osaka, Japan's "Chicago," which is just 18 minutes away by the 135 M.P.H. bullet trains (which run six times an hour).

Several private inter-urban lines, as well as the Japanese national railways, link Kobe with the historic former capitals at Kyoto, and Nara, an hour's travel. Japan's most spectacular feudal castle is less than an hour away by train down the coast at Himeji. In a word, Kobe's a magnificent base for the traveler repelled by Tokyo's noisy complexity and the two-hour commute from its airport at Narita.

With fast electric trains operating every few minutes in every direction (and reserved seats purchased from ubiquitous computers), no one needs a car to see western Japan with Kobe as jumping-off point. There's a further treat for parents who'd like to share childhood travel memories with their offspring. The compact liners of the Kansai Steamship Co. traverse the 225-mile-long inland sea from Kobe to Beppu, a hot spring resort, on Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu every night with all the luxury of the oldtime ocean liners. Staterooms are air-conditioned and spacious (bathrooms) are bigger than in most hotels on land).

Ships leave at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and arrive at Beppu before 8 a.m. so both sunset and sunrise are visible from the top deck, as well as the fishermen at work with their lines and nets on the sea below. A first-class cabin for two costs \$85 per person.

Like Kobe, Beppu mixes old and new: nearby Mount Aso is the world's biggest volcano basin (with one crater still active). And this November, the city will host the world hang-gliding championships.

The really energetic tourist can leave Tokyo by bullet train just before 8 a.m., reach Kobe and Portopia by noon, spend an afternoon at the fair and catch a Port Island Ferry (\$1.75) right to the Kansai line dock in time for the 6:30 sailing, arriving at Beppu just in time to catch the Kamenin Bus Co.'s 9 a.m. sight-seeing bus right at the pier for a four-hour tour of volcanic springs and pools. The flight back to Tokyo takes one hour 35 minutes.

Will 20-30 condors survive?

Debate goes on as numbers dwindle

By Ronald Clarke

LOS ANGELES, (RI) — The California condor, the biggest soaring bird in North America, faces possible extinction while experts argue over the best way to save it. One of the problems is that experts say only another condor can tell the difference between a male and female bird by its looks.

The experts generally agree there are only 20 in 30 condors left, mostly in Los Padres National Forest, 80 kilometers north-west of here.

The condors, with their 2.7 meters wingspan, once circled over Oregon, the state of Washington and British Columbia, Canada, but are now seen only in California.

"It is becoming more and more obvious the birds don't have a chance of surviving on their own," John Borneman, of the Condor Research Center in Ventura, California, said. "Without help they could become extinct in 10 to 20 years."

But a row has flared over the best way to save the giant black birds with white wing patches. The U.S. government's Fish and Wildlife Service is willing to spend \$750,000 on a rescue program which would include breeding condors in captivity. But two environmental and wildlife groups, the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth, want the captive breeding program delayed at least until further studies are made. The two groups have said they are considering court action if necessary.

Opponents of captive breeding contend that ways of rescuing the condor which are far less risky than taking the bird out of its natural habitat have not been fully tried. Opposition to the captive breeding plan mushroomed after a 5.8 kilogram chick died last summer while being measured and weighed in its nest by a biologist.

The Californian Fish and Game Commission, which has veto power over the experiment, withdrew its permit for captive breeding. But the Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a public hearing here soon in the hope the commission will re-issue its permit.

Borneman, whose center is a joint project endorsed by the Fish and Wildlife Service and an environmental and wildlife group, The

Audubon Society, said an additional 1,500 man days have been spent in the field observing condors since the permit was originally requested. He said he was very hopeful the commission would re-issue its permit.

"The permit would state that if during trapping we were able to obtain three immature condors we would retain them right away for breeding," Borneman said. "We would try to capture five pairs over the next five years."

He said blood tests would determine the sex of the condor. He would also like to attach solar-powered radios to six birds so scientists could track their movements.

A spokesman for the Fish and Wildlife Service recalled the case of the dusky seaside sparrow in Florida. There were many arguments over how to save the species until it was finally decided to capture and breed the bird. By then there were only six of the birds left — all males.

Mark Palmer, chairman of the Sierra Club's National Condor Task Force, said his group would like to have radios attached to condors for a year before experts decided whether to try captive breeding.

Tracking by scientists might settle a dispute over whether the effect of farm pesticides on mice and other small animals was helping to wipe out the condors. The birds live on the dead and rotting flesh of anything from a deer to a mouse. They nest mostly in caves on the sides of cliffs and the radios would enable biologists to find the nests and to study the birds from a distance.

The Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman said captive breeding of Andean condors had been a fantastic success. Some had been brought from the Andes to the Endangered Species Research Facility at Laurel, Maryland. But California condors would be taken to the San Diego Zoo in California to keep them in their environment as much as possible.

Synthetic vaccine is made to help control illnesses

PARIS — The Pasteur Institute has just caused a real revolution by producing the first synthetic vaccine — a prototype which marks an important step forward in the search for new vaccines.

Traditional vaccines, which use bacteria or viruses (dead or alive), raise a certain number of problems. First of all, the infectious agent has to be available in sufficient quantities, so it has to be cultivated in the laboratory; otherwise, it is impossible to manufacture the vaccine which will constitute a protection against the ailment. Another problem is that present-day vaccines are never completely pure, thus there is always a slight danger of producing undesirable secondary effects.

But if it is possible to identify the little piece of virus or bacterium which produces the vaccinal effect, and it is reproduced chemically by synthesis, the double problem is solved. No longer is there a need to grow the infecting agent in the laboratory in order to

manufacture vaccines and there is no longer any danger of unfortunate patient reactions.

The synthetic vaccine does not have as much vaccinating power as the traditional vaccine. The discovery by Professors Chedid (of the Pasteur Institute) and Lederer (of the National Center for Scientific Research) is therefore remarkable, because they have added, to a theoretical model of synthetic vaccine, a real amplifier which is a vaccinating molecule, the Muramyl dipeptide.

This very simple molecule is able to multiply, in an extraordinary way, the efficiency of traditional vaccines. The research scientists of the Pasteur Institute therefore tried in graft it beside a fragment of diphtheric toxin, and to their great surprise they saw that this association "worked": there was a defense reaction in the organism of the animal. The new vaccine protected the guinea-pigs very well against diphtheria: it was no longer a theoretic model but a real vaccine.

Fish diseases are subject of research

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON (LPS) — A three year project to devise ways of preventing and controlling a killer fish disease is being carried out by British scientists. Bacterial Kidney Disease (BKD) is one of the three notifiable diseases of fish under the Diseases of Fish Act, 1937. It has been reported in Salmonid fish in the British Isles, Canada, Japan and the United States, and causes heavy mortalities over a wide range of water temperatures. At present little is known about the cause of the disease and this makes it difficult to prevent or control BKD.

The new investigation, supported by the UK Science Research Council, is being carried out at Newcastle University in north-east England, and the Fish Diseases Laboratory in Weymouth, southern England.

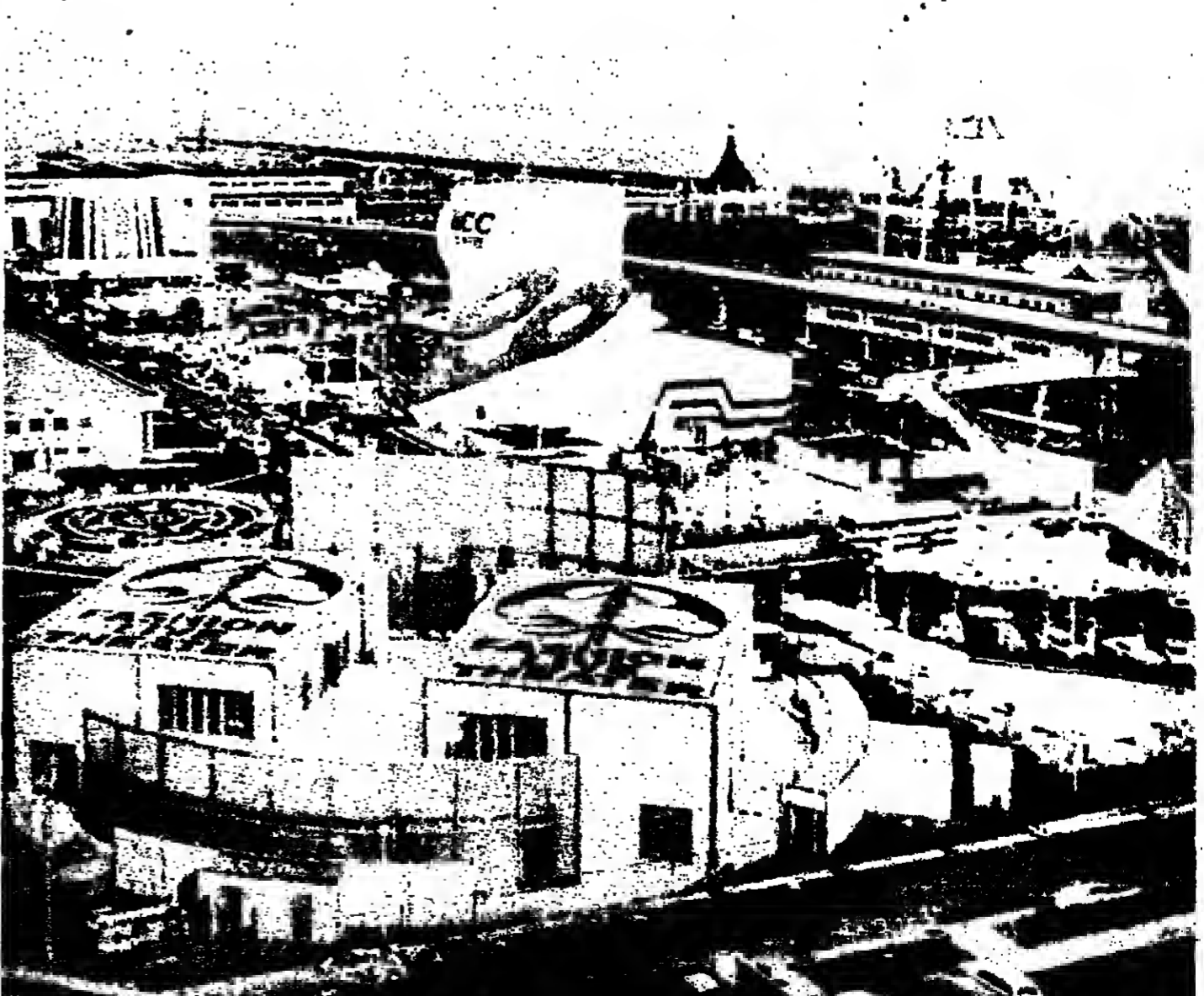
The main investigators at the university are Dr. David Minnikin (Department of Organic Chemistry) and Dr. Mike Goodfellow (Department of Microbiology), who are working in close collaboration with Dr. B. Austin of the Fish Diseases Laboratory.

Dr. Minnikin explained, "At present, diagnosis of the disease is achieved by clinical examination of diseased fish, histological inspection of the kidney and by microbiological procedures which are far from satisfactory.

"It is possible to separate most bacteria from one another by means of chemical analyses which provide very good information for the recognition of poorly described organisms like those which cause BKD. Rapid procedures for the chemical analyses of bacteria have been developed in Newcastle and we are applying these methods to BKD and other related strains."



UNDERWATER RESEARCH: A number of research projects are currently being conducted to prevent and control diseases which are common to fish. Here a researcher feeds a dolphin during one of these programs. (BP)



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Davis Cup roundup

Smith & Lutz put U.S. ahead

NEW YORK, July 12 (AP) — Stan Smith and Bob Lutz crushed Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl and Tomas Smid Saturday to give the United States a 2-1 advantage in their Davis Cup tennis series.

Smith and Lutz, the U.S. open doubles champions and runners-up in the doubles at Wimbledon last week, posted a 9-7, 6-3, 6-2 victory. The decisive singles matches in the best-of-five Davis Cup format will send John McEnroe against Smid and Jimmy Connors against Lendl on Sunday.

"It ain't over yet," U.S. captain Arthur Ashe said after the doubles victory. The U.S. jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead to start the match breaking Smid in the second game. But the Czechoslovaks broke Smith to stay on serve.

The two teams, mixing exciting tennis with some sloppy points, held serve until the 16th game when Smith put away a forehand volley to pull the Americans to deuce. Lendl's long forehand gave the United States the advantage, then Smith closed out the first set with a backhand volley down the middle — a classic doubles move.

Smith and Lutz broke Lendl in the eighth game, then Lutz held serve as the Americans captured the middle set and moved into high gear. The third set took only 17 minutes.

"We didn't know what to expect from them, even after the Nation's Cup," said Smith, referring to the Czechoslovaks' victory in Dusseldorf, West Germany, in May. Lendl, ranked fourth in the world in singles, had given Czechoslovakia a 1-0 lead Friday when he demolished McEnroe 6-4, 14-12, 7-5 just six days after the American left-hander had defeated Sweden's Bjorn Borg to capture the Wimbledon title. Connors then evened, stopping Smid 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Asked if McEnroe and his doubles partner, Peter Fleming, who were sitting in the stands watching Saturday's match, had passed along any suggestions, Smith said: "McEnroe passed a great sign after we won the match. That was about all."

Smid said he and Lendl tried to change their strategy, "but they didn't miss many volleys. He felt the Czechoslovaks 'really weren't into it (the match) as a team.' The reason, Smith felt, was Lendl.

"It seems to me that he thinks of himself more as an individual than as a part of a team," said Smith, who has been playing doubles with Lutz for 17 years.

Game point came when Lendl hit a vicious,

high-kicking serve which Lutz rocketed back across the net. Lendl barely got his racket on it, setting up Smith's forehand volley winner.

The winning point sent two spectators — Connors and his wife, Patty — leaping into the air in excitement, Patty waving her small American flag. The winner of the U.S.-Czechoslovakian match advances to the semifinals against the winner of the Sweden-Australia rubber.

In other Davis Cup action Saturday, Spain, with three straight-set victories, took an insurmountable 3-0 lead over Monaco at Lerida, Spain. In Saturday's singles match, which had been postponed from Friday because of rain, Angel Jimenez defeated Bernard Ballet 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 and Fernando Luna beat Louis Borfiga 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.

In the regularly scheduled doubles match, Jose Lopez Maeso and Sergio Casale downed Michel Borfiga and Ballet 7-5, 6-1, 6-1.

Argentina led Romania 2-1 after the doubles in Bucharest. Florin Segarceanu and Andrei Dirzu produced a surprise by beating the more experienced pair of Guillermo Vilas and Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina 4-6, 10-8, 6-3, 7-5 after a 3 1/2 hours of play. In the completion of the second singles match, sus-

ended Friday because of darkness, Clerc overpowered Segarceanu 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.

In Klagenfurt, Austria, the Soviet Union took a winning 3-0 lead over Austria in the Group 'B' semifinals. The Soviets, who won both opening singles Friday, clinched their match Saturday when Vadim Borizov and Sergey Leomyuk beat Hans Kary and Bernard Pils 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Teenagers Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson stunned Peter McNamee and Paul McNamee in a five-set doubles to cut Australia's lead to 2-1 over Sweden.

Jarryd and Simonsson rallied from two sets down and 1-3 in the third to upset the Aussies, 7-9, 3-6, 8-6, 6-2, 6-2 on the slow clay courts. It was one of the biggest upsets of the year in the Davis Cup.

McNamee and McNamee, the 1980 Wimbledon champions and the world's second ranked doubles team but winners of just one title this year, were outplayed by the Swedish youngsters in the final two sets.

"I just don't understand how we managed to comeback after losing the first two sets," said Jarryd. "But he played a lot more replayed after winning that third set. We had nothing to lose."

Baseball talks get 'nasty'

NEW YORK, July 12 (AP) — Negotiations in the 30-day-old U.S. major league baseball strike broke down Saturday after management rejected a settlement proposal presented by federal mediator Kenneth Moffett.

The two sides met for about two hours Saturday morning and for about the same time Saturday afternoon before talks were recessed. "We're temporarily stalemated," said Moffett, whose proposal presented Thursday had appeared to signal the first sign of progress in the strike, which has canceled 387 games since June 12.

Marvin Miller, executive director of the striking players union, said, "the meeting this afternoon was as close to being useless as possible." Miller said that after rejecting the mediator's proposal, which the union had previously accepted, management sent word through Moffett that unless the players had a new proposal, "they did not care to meet."

There were reports that management bargainers believed Moffett had not offered the compromise proposal, but that it had come instead from union sources. Miller hristled at that suggestion.

Ray Grebey, chief negotiator for the Player Relations Committee, representing the owners, reportedly made that suggestion to a newsman covering these talks. Moffett denied that his proposal had come from either side.

Specifically, management has voiced objections to two parts of Moffett's plan — the formula for determining free agent compensation and a price tag ranging from \$150,000 to \$200,000 for each compensation claim.

Moffett said he would probably be back in touch with the two sides Monday. Asked about the tone of the negotiations, Moffett said, "it's getting nasty."

Rugby League tour

France chalks out first win

TOWN VILLE, July 12 (AFP) — France defeated a Northern Queensland select 25-15 here Sunday to score the first win of their Australian Rugby League tour.

The French hit rock bottom in midweek when they lost their third successive match, going down 26-7 to an Illawarra select. The opposition Sunday was at least as powerful as in Wollongong, but the French fully rediscovered their running skills.

Watched by 3,200 spectators, France scored five tries through scrum-half Yvan Greseque (25 and 34), winger Bernard Imbert (30), stand-half Jean-Jacques Vila (35) and center Jacques Imbert (45). Jacques Imbert converted all five.

Queensland scored three tries through F. Daily (8), L. Gatty (55) and G. Ambrun (74). B. Andrews converted all three.

Meanwhile, it was announced in London that amateur Rugby League players who wish to switch to Rugby Union will be allowed to do so, as the result of resolutions passed at Thursday's Rugby Football Union (RFU) annual general meeting.

The member clubs went further than the international board resolution, but not as far as the British Amateur League (BALA) want.

Dennis Shuttleworth, chairman of the sub-committee that deals with other sports, said: "BALA want a free gangway for players between the sports, but we have opted for a controlled, organized gangway. We want to ensure a close check on discipline and a proper transfer scheme between the sports, the same as BALA insist on between their own clubs."

From next season a Rugby League player can switch codes providing he has had no contact with a professional club or received any payment for playing Rugby League.

The meeting agreed on the union's proposal to speed up law change... through the international board. In the past each country has been forced to frame their proposed alterations. Now, if the board agree, they will merely state their intention and the phrase-making experts will draft the law for consideration.

The new president will be David Brooks, the manager of the Lions in 1968, who said that the theme of this year in office would be "fun and enjoyment."

England will tour the United States and Canada next summer.

Judgment Kung Fu style

Special

LONDON, July 12 — Student Jimmy Ying Kwan Chau passed judgment Kung Fu style on the driving examiner who failed him. First he gave a hurly Alan Biddiscombe, 48, a punch on the arm and then a flying kick in the stomach.

It happened outside the Bridgwater Driving Test Center in Somerset, this week at Bridgwater Magistrate's Court Chau admitted using threatening behavior.

The court heard that the examiner had to take a spell off duty after his encounter with the 20-year-old nephew of a Burnham-On-Sea Chinese take-away cafe owner.

Chau who had failed his test for the second time told the police that the examiner was "bad mannered". But in court Chau, of the Espanade, Burnham-On-Sea apologized for his attack.

"I was under some strain and couldn't sleep. I was worrying about my A-level examination — but now I know how to behave myself" he said. Magistrates chair-



SELF-DEFENSE SPORT: Jimmy Chau (right) used the self-defense sport, Kung Fu, to go one-up on his driving examiner, Alan Biddiscombe (left), who failed him.

man Mr. Leslie Porter reminded Chau that Kung Fu was for self-defense but because Chau had shown "remorse" he would be dealt with leniently.

He was fined 25 pounds and ordered to pay 95.40 pounds to the Ministry of Trans-

port for the temporary loss of the examiner's services. Outside the court Jimmy Chau said he had studied Kung Fu in Hong Kong two years ago after meeting Bruce Lee, the famous exponent of the martial art.

Botham strikes deadily for Somerset

LONDON, July 12 (AP) — Ian Botham, deposed as England cricket captain, took four wickets for four runs in a deadly spell of bowling Saturday as his team, Somerset, battled with Sussex on a green wicket at Taunton in the English County Championship.

Somerset were dismissed for 104. Botham threatened to wreck the Sussex innings, but Sussex recovered to take a first innings lead and reached 168 for nine. Geoff Arnold, former England Test bowler, and Ian Greig, brother of one-time England captain Tony Greig, each captured four wickets for Sussex.

Gordon Greenidge, West Indies star, came back from a bout of influenza to win the man of the match award for Hampshire in a six wickets win over Cheshire in the one-day trophy match, which has taken the place of the Old Gillette Cup.

Greenidge held four catches in the slips, helped to dismiss Cheshire for 137 and then saw his side well on to the way to victory with an innings of 56.

Essex avenged an embarrassing defeat by minor counties side Hertfordshire five years ago by beating them decisively in the first round of the 60-overs cup.

Hertfordshire's spinners exploited a turning wicket to score their famous Gillette Cup win at Hitchin in 1976. But on the same ground Saturday they were savagely treated by Graham Gooch, Brian Hardie and Keith Fletcher.

Gooch plundered 14 fours and two sixes in his 101 and Hardie made 81 in a first-wicket stand of 170 with the England opener. Fletcher marshalled the rest of the innings with an unbeaten 51 as Essex reached 306 for eight. Hertfordshire mustered only 115 in reply.

The only minor counties side to remain in with a chance of reaching the second round are Durham, who continue their match against Lancashire on Monday. All the others found county championship sides too much to handle.

Summarized scores: County Championship: At The Oval, Surrey 300 for 4 declared (Alan Butcher 93, Geoff Howarth 90). Warwickshire 27 for no wicket. At Nottingham, Worcestershire 132

for no wicket. At Southampton, Hampshire def. Cheshire by 6 wickets. Cheshire 137 (Steve Malone 5 for 34). Hampshire 138 for 6 (Gordon Greenidge 56). At Hitchin, Essex def. Hertfordshire by 191 runs. Essex 306 for 8 (Graham Gooch 101). Hertfordshire 115.

At Bury St. Edmunds, Derbyshire def. Suffolk by 171 runs. Derbyshire 270 for 6 (David Steele 89 not out). Suffolk 99. At Canterbury, Kent def. Yorkshire by 6 wickets. Yorkshire 222 for 6 (John Hampshire 63). Kent 223 for 4 (Chris Tavare 118 not out).

At Oxford, Glamorgan def. Oxfordshire by 8 wickets. Oxfordshire 150. Glamorgan 154 for 2. At Manchester, Durham 187. Lancashire 7 for no wicket. Bad light stopped play.

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Noah to meet Fibak in final

GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 12 (AP) — Top-seeded Yannick Noah of France lost the first set in a tiebreaker before overcoming eighth-seeded Carlos Kirmayr of Brazil 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 Saturday to advance to the finals of the \$174,500 Swiss Open Tennis tournament Saturday.

The tall African-born Frenchman will meet Poland's Wojtek Fibak in the final Sunday. The third-seeded Pole beat Heinz Guenthardt of Switzerland 7-6, 6-2 in the other semifinal match.

In their last encounter in Philadelphia earlier this year, Fibak beat Noah in four sets. Noah double faulted twice early in the tiebreaker he eventually lost 7-5 and had trouble during the second set from the more agile Latin American.

Noah's strength is a hard forehand cross-court shot and a sizzling service which gave him a total of 10 aces during the match. Kirmayr appeared to lose concentration in the final set.

China has it easy

ROYAN, France, July 12 (R) — China beat Peru 3-0 in a zone semifinal of the Galea Cup men's under-21 team tennis competition here Saturday.

Fiu-hua beat Luis Castro Malaga 6-4, 6-2 to give China the lead. Later Kegin Ma beat Carlos di Laura 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 and Weil Yu and Shiu Hua beat Malaga and di Laura 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Rain washed out play between Denmark and Yugoslavia in Marianske.

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Russians trounce Americans

LENINGRAD, July 12 (AP) — The powerful Russian team overwhelmed its American rivals Saturday and scored a 204-178 victory in the first U.S.-Soviet dual Track and Field Meet in three years.

Soviet women won seven of nine secondary events and the Soviet men took five of nine to break open what had been a close meet after the first day. The Soviets led 97-93 after Friday's events.

The American men won their part of the meet for the 12th time in 17 meetings, 118-105. But the Soviet women crushed their American counterparts 99-60 to record their 16th triumph in the dual competition.

The victory was the Soviets' 13th in 17 meets since the series began in 1958. The Americans have won three times and one meet ended in a tie.

Tatyana Anisimov set the pace by winning two women's events on the final day — the 100-meter high hurdles in 12.79 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 22.94.

The strong Russian women's squad scored 1-2 finishes in the 200 meters, the 1,500-meter run, the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, the long jump and the 3,000-meter run, and won the 1,000-meter relay.

Jeff Phillips completed a sprint double by winning the men's 200 in 20.50 seconds. He took the 100 Friday in 10.21.

David McKenzie, 32, set an American record in the hammer throw with a heave of 237 feet, 2 1/2 inches, but it was only good enough for third place behind two Soviets.

Two-time Olympic gold medalist Yuri Sedyk won the hammer with a throw of 253-3/4, cheered by a crowd of 20,000 at Lenin Stadium.

Cliff Wiley paced the U.S. relay team to an exciting victory in the 1,600-meter event. Wiley, who won the 400-meter run Friday, took the baton on the anchor leg less than one meter ahead of Olympic 400-meter gold medalist Igor Markin and rocketed to a five-meter victory. The U.S. time of 3:10.07 was the best in the world this year.

A smaller crowd than Friday turned out for the second day of the meet, filling only about two-thirds of the 31,000-seat stadium. A group of about 50 American exchange students, some carrying signs backing the team, provided a noisy support for the U.S. squad.

The late afternoon meet was staged under near-perfect weather conditions, with the temperature about 77 degrees and a gentle breeze blowing under a sunny sky.

Balinas shocked

MADRAS, India, July 12 (AP) — Grandmaster Rosendo Balinas of the Philippines was upset Saturday by Indio S. Nasir All in the sixth and final leg of the Asian Masters' Chess Circuit tournament here.

Balinas, who was beaten by international master Reuben Rodriguez, also of the Philippines Friday, played the Nimzo-Indian defense with black pieces against All and pushed his a pawn to the fifth rank as early as the sixth move.

He took a commanding lead after the Indian embarked on a sterile pawn storm on the king-side and appeared headed for victory when, troubled by time, he committed a series of blunders and had to resign.

All now shares the lead with compatriot Varghese Koshy, who on Friday beat national champions Chia Chee Seng of Singapore and Christi How of Malaysia.

CIA and Horn on Saturday were idiosyncratic and their seventh round games against Rodriguez and Indian teenager Devaki Prasad were postponed.



Sebastian Coe

In Milwaukee Open

Jay Haas well placed

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, July 12 (AP) — Jay Haas owns a five-shot lead, the largest of the year for the PGA tour, but one of his closest pursuers, Rex Caldwell, refuses to concede the Greater Milwaukee Open title.

"He's got a big lead, but it could be doo," said Caldwell Saturday after shooting a 5-under-par 67 for a 54-hole total of 206, 10 under at the Tuckaway Country Club.

Caldwell shared the second spot with another nonwinner, 30-year-old rookie Mike Smith. Smith posted his second straight 69 for his 206.

Haas, bidding for his second victory in his fifth season, fired a 5-under-par 67 and assembled a total of 201, 15 under for three trips over this wide-open, 7,010-yard course.

Haas, in a dramatic reversal of his poor performances of late, strung together six birdies in his first 15 holes before bogeying the 17th. Haas, 27, a former Collegiate champion at Wake Forest and winner of the 1978 Andy Williams-San Diego Open, had missed the cuts in his last two tournaments. Smith was amazed he was so far behind after playing so consistently well.

Lyn Lott, after shooting a 68, was alone in fourth place at 207, 9 under. Another shot came colorful veteran Chi Chi Rodriguez with 71-208.

Meanwhile, Debbie Austin shot a 3-under par 33 on the front nine and had an eagle on the 426-yard, par-5 No. 16 hole to Opeo a commanding 9-stroke lead over Myra Van Hoose and Louise Parks going into the final round of the \$150,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association's Mayflower Classic.

Austin finished her third round with a 4-under 68. Her third consecutive sub-par round on the 6,101-yard Country Club of Indianapolis course gave the leader a 54-hole score of 205.

Austin pulled away from the pack with four birdies and a bogey on the front nine. "That

Coe shatters own world 1,000m record

Edwin Moses maintains winning streak

OSLO, July 12 (Agencies) — Sebastian Coe of Britain broke his own world record for the 1,000 meters clocking two minutes 12.18 seconds at the annual Oslo Games International Track and Field meet at the fast Bislett Stadium here Saturday night. Coe's old mark for the distance, set at last year's Bislett meet was 2:13.40.

"I'm very pleased to break the record by more than a second, he said of the run. "I think I got up to the right kind of speed and was able to maintain it, except for the last 20 meters when I got a little numb."

"I felt good. There is something about this stadium because you get a tremendous lift from the atmosphere. I don't think I could have gone any faster," added Coe, who failed to break the 1,500 meters mark in Stockholm earlier in the week.

American world record holder Edwin Moses extended his unbeaten run to 65 races when he won the men's opening 400-meter hurdles event. In warm overcast weather, Moses won the event in 47.99 seconds. Fellow Americans Bart Williams and James King were well behind in 49.93 and 50.37 seconds from second and third places respectively.

Moses set his world record of 47.13 seconds last year. He was also 0.32 seconds behind his own Bislett Stadium record of 47.67 from 1979.

Long Jumper Carl Lewis and James Sanford later entered the 100 meter dash and the two Americans beat reigning Olympic champion Allan Wells of Britain. Lewis won in 10.19 seconds for a new Bislett record with

electric timing, but he strained a muscle at the finish line and limped off the track. All previous top 100 meters at this Stadium had been scored with manual timing.

Three British girls dominated the women's 400 meters hurdles event. Yvette Wray won and lowered the women's Bislett stadium record to 56.56 seconds. Chris Warden and Debbie Skerritt placed second and third. Mary Appleby of Ireland held the old stadium record of 58.10 from 1979.

James Robinson posted the third straight American win in the men's events when he won the 800 meters in the good time of 1:44.95. West Germany's hurdler Harold Schmidt, who shunted a duel with Ed Moses, was second and Gerry Cook of Britain third.

The first big disappointment for the 15,000 spectators came when reigning Olympic champion Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz of Poland failed to clear his opening height of 5.40 meter in the pole vault event. He won the Olympic gold medal in Moscow last year by clearing 5.78 meters. However, his compatriot Mariusz Klimczyk cleared 5.55 meter to improve the Bislett record by 5 centimeter.

Patrick Desrilles of Belgium was second with 5.40 meters and Tadeusz El-usarski of Poland third with 5.20 meters. None of the French pole vault sees showed up.

Ingrid Christensen of Norway won the 5,000 meter in the world record time of 15:28.43 when top favorite and compatriot Grete Waitz pulled a muscle and dropped out a 4,000 meter.

Christensen, 25, and a former cross country skier for Norway's national team, was running second behind Waitz all the time until Grete dropped out. Since dropping cross country skiing Christensen has concentrated on cross country running and marathon. She won the women's Stockholm marathon last year.

Willy Banks of the U.S. won the hop, step and jump with 17.23 meter for a new stadium record. His compatriot Mike Marlo placed second with 16.71 meter. Tony Darden posted another American win when clocking 45.89 seconds for the men's 400 meter.

Elizabeth Schacht of West Germany won the women's 800 meter in 2:02.78 followed closely by Delisa Walton of the United States

2:03.13. Finland's Martti Vainio won the men's 10,000 meter race in 27:45.49. American Bill McChesney placed second. Suleiman Nyambuyi of Tanzania third and Toshihiro Nakamura of Japan fourth.

Jocelyn Hoyte Smith of Britain won the women's 400 meter in 51.83 seconds, almost a full second slower than her own stadium record.

James Sanford of the U.S. won the men's 200 meter in 20.36 seconds. Two other Americans, Dwaine Ewans and Frank Taylor, placed second and third in 20.52 and 20.56.

U.S. world record holder Ben Plucknett won the men's discus event improving upon his Bislett Stadium record, by 8 centimeters to 68.94 meter.

Emrich Bougar of Czechoslovakia was second with 66.50. Markko Tuokko of Finland third with 65.90. Knuu Hjelmes of Norway fourth with 64.95 and Mae Wilkins of the U.S. came fifth.

Steve Overt of Britain deliberately slowed down his finish and failed by 5-10th a second to improve his own world record for the mile. He set his world record of 3:48.8 at Bislett last year.

Jose Luis Gonzalez of Spain placed second in a new Spanish national record of 3:49:67 and Steve Scott of the United States was third in a new American record of 3:49:68. Jim Ryan had held the old American mark of 3:51.1 since 1968. John Walker of New Zealand placed fourth in 3:50:26 and Steve Cram of Britain fifth in 3:50:34.

Peniti Simesaari of Finland kept his early lead to win the men's javelin event with his toss of 89.42 meter. Bob Roggs of the United States placed second with 88.88 meter and Miklos Nemeth of Hungary, the 1976 Olympic champion, had to settle for third with 85.18 meter.

Chris Old back in England team

LONDON, July 12 (AFP) — Chris Old is back in the England squad for Thursday's third Test against Australia on his home ground at Leeds. He replaces Mike Hendrick who played in the first Test, and was 12th man at Lord's last week.

Bob Woolmer also makes an exit after failing to eliminate the memory of a "pair" at Nottingham with scores of 13 and nine at Lord's. Brearley looked set for the no. 3 place.

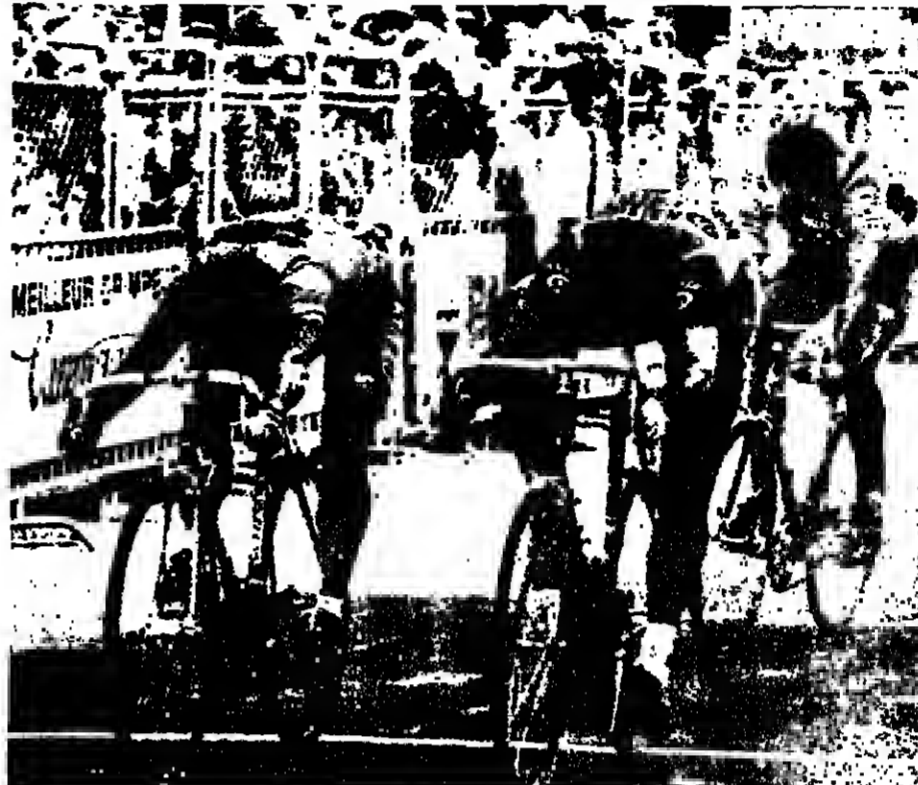
The pace squad includes Bob Willis, who has managed to convince the selectors that he will be fit a five-day Test after recovering from a bronchial virus. The only change from the 11 that drew the second Test is the predictable omission of Bob Woolmer for the restored captain, Mike Brearley.

Old's restoration to Test status comes as a minor shock, but with Mendrick falling out of favor — there are few other candidates to reinforce the pace department.

Old had a desperately disappointing tour of the West Indies. Seldom fit and in form at the same time, he bowled a mere 76 overs in all games in the Caribbean. He played in only the first Test the defeat in Trinidad — taking one wicket and scoring only one run.

But he has been bowling steadily this year for Yorkshire and is the third Englishman in the bowling averages, and of course he knows the variations of the Headingley pitch better than anybody.

He has a long history of illness and injury before big matches. He could be 12th man, but if conditions look hopeful to seem and swing, England might go in without John Emburey and field four quick bowlers, as they did at Nottingham.



FINAL BURST: Belgian Freddy Maertens crosses the finish line ahead of Urs Freuler and Alfons de Wolf to win the 13th stage, from Roubaix to Bruxelles, of the Tour de France Thursday.

Sean Kelly wins 17th stage

THONON-LES-BAINS, July 12 (R) — Ireland's Sean Kelly won the 17th stage of the Tour de France, a 228.5 km (142 mile) stretch through the rising hills leading from the Jura area to Lake Geneva.

Kelly, 25, who lives in Ghent, Belgium, celebrated his third Tour de France appearance with a victory in five hours, 47 minutes and seven seconds, finishing at the head of the leading pack which crossed the finish line in the same time.

Frenchman Bernard Hinault, the world champion, retained the race leader's yellow jersey and now has a two minute 57 second lead over his closest challenger, Australian Philip Anderson. Kelly's triumph left him 57th overall.

Sunday the tour begins some of its toughest climbs from Thonon to the ski station at Morzine 199.5 km away. The field has been whittled down from an initial 150 to 128 including

four who dropped Saturday for failing to finish in the time required. They included Briton Paul Sherwin.

Leading stage placings: 1. Sean Kelly (Ireland), 2. Jean-Francois Rodriguez (France), 3. Johan Van de Velde (Netherlands), 4. Lo Wellens (Belgium), 5. Jacques Michaud (France), 6. Mariano Martinez (France), 7. Vicente Belda (Spain), 8. Dominique Arnaud (France), 9. Graham Jones (Britain), 10. Jean-Rene Bernaudeau (France).

Leading overall placings: 1. Bernard Hinault, France, 63 hours 37 minutes 37 seconds, 2. Philip Anderson, Australia, 3. Gilbert Duclos-Lasalle, France, 4. Jean Francois Rodriguez, France, 5. Gery Verlinden, Belgium, 6. Lucien Van Impe, Belgium, 7. Michel Laurent, France, 8. Ronny Claes, Belgium, 9. Joop Zoetemelk, Netherlands, at 10.43, 10. Daniel Willems, Belgium.

Ban rugby tour by S. Africans, Reagan urged

LONDON, July 12 (ONS) — Anti-apartheid groups in the United States called upon the Reagan Administration to ban a planned three-match rugby football tour by the South African Springboks which is due to follow their controversial New Zealand visit.

One of the games will take place in Los Angeles, site of the 1984 Olympics. It is feared the Russians might exploit such a match by calling for an international boycott of the Games in retaliation for the U.S. stand over the Moscow Olympics.

Richard Lapchik, national chairman of the American Co-ordinating Committee for Equality in Sport and Society (ACCESS), said he expected Washington to ignore all demands to intervene.

"The Reagan Administration has already shown it wants to be good friends with South Africa," Lapchik said. "In the end I fear it will be left to the ordinary people to make their feelings known at the games."

The South Africans have given no details of the U.S. visit, except that the invitation came from the U.S. Rugby Association. It is understood the Springboks will arrive from New Zealand in mid-September and play matches in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York.

The New York game is to be played at the ground on Randall's Island near the black district of Harlem. Lapchik said rugby was very much a minority game in America, played almost exclusively by whites. "If the tour goes ahead we can assure them however that for every spectator there will be at least one demonstrator."

"There is very much a mood in the country today of the late 1960s — a willingness to take to the streets and make our feelings known."

The American tour is cootageop upon the New Zealand visit — due to begin in mid-July — still taking place. New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon, who has come under increasing pressure to stop the tour, has admitted it will be a difficult time.

He said last week: "I think the tour is going to be a disaster. It is going to be a sour, sour tour and won't do any good. They are not going to have a happy tour that is for sure."

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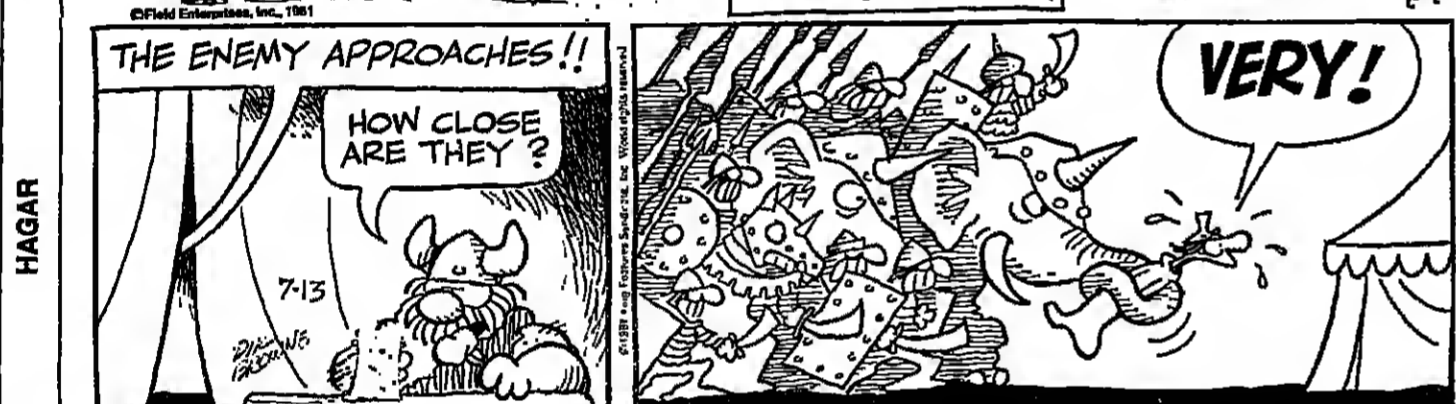
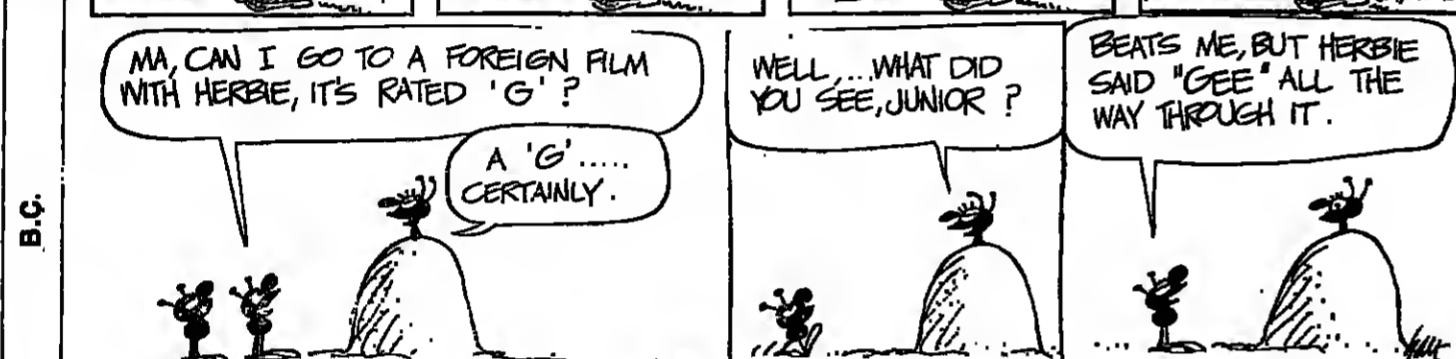
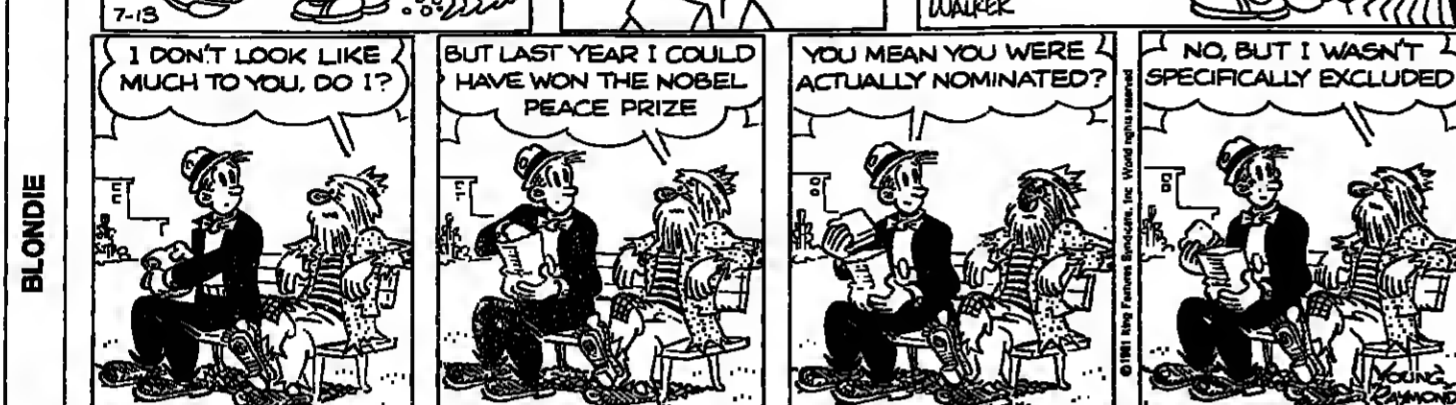
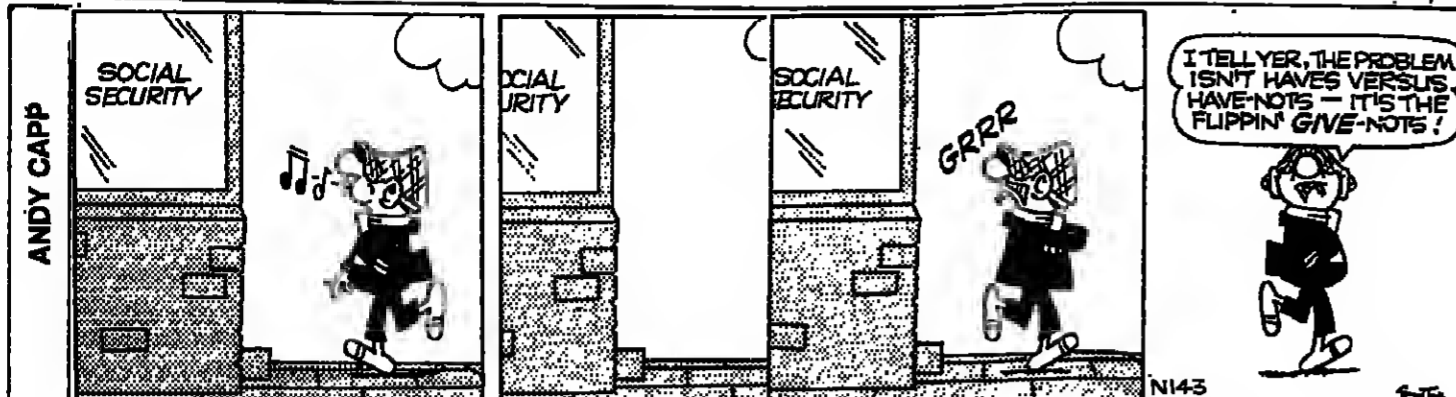
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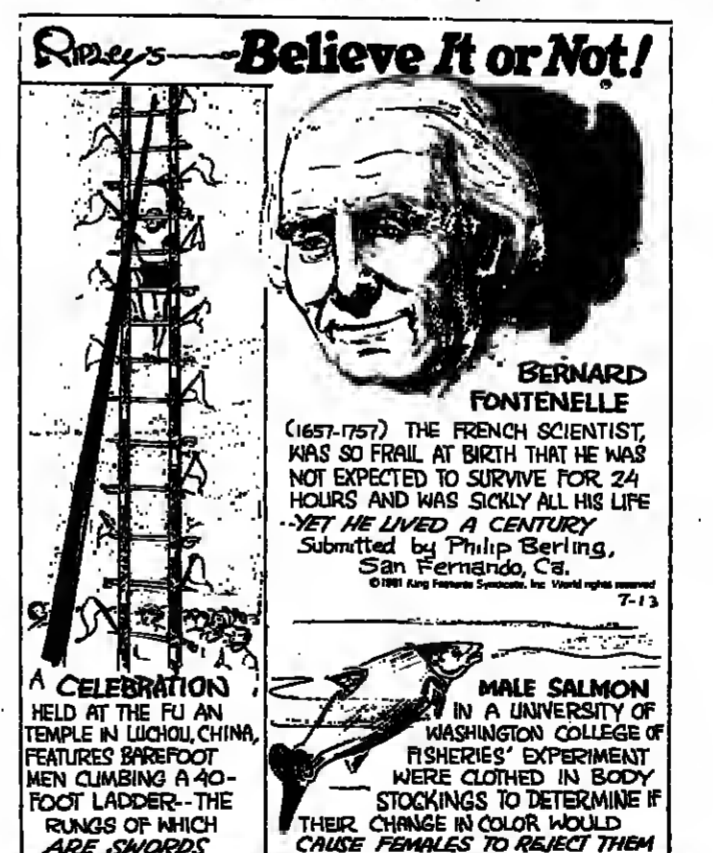


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Opening lead — five of hearts. This deal occurred during the 1970 World Championship in the match between Italy and the United States. At the first table, with a U.S. pair North-South, West led the five of hearts against three notrump. Declarer won East's jack with the queen, played a club to dummy's ace, and led the three of spades to his queen. West took the queen with the king and returned the king of hearts to declarer's ace.



Your Individual Horoscope

FOR MONDAY, JULY 13, 1981 member. Confide in those whom you know you can trust. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't be arrogant or you'll receive a connoisseur. Be less concerned about self-importance. Evening hours accent happy social occasions. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're inclined to be overly-secretive now. Be less suspicious of others. Partners are supportive and career luck is ahead. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't let wheeler-dealers talk you into an unwise investment. Make travel plans and enjoy a movie or concert with friendly companions. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't underestimate the competition. Others can be unfair in business. Enjoy special times alone with someone dear to your heart. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You could receive the wrong advice now. Heed your own counsel. Accept invitations. You're popular. Enjoy romance and good fellowship. PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) You can afford to bypass questionable business propositions. A legitimate opportunity could come your way by the end of the day.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

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At special congress

Poles to determine future of 'new path'

WARSAW, July 12 (AFP) — The ninth extraordinary congress of the Polish Communist Party is to open here Tuesday in an historic meeting that should determine the future of "socialist renewal" in Poland. The democratic "renewal" was launched as official policy in September 1980 following the summer of labor strife that created Solidarity, the first independent trade union in a Soviet bloc country.

The 1,964 delegates to the congress this week will be voting on a revision of party statutes and other points that could institutionalize what is viewed as the essence

of the "renewal": A continued policy of reform and dialogue to provide political solutions for Poland's economic and social crises, and to avoid a repetition of the cycle of social unrest in 1956, 1970, 1976 and 1980.

Party first secretary Stanislaw Kania has insisted there is no other path for Poland. He and other party leaders are expected to try to push forward a middle-line reform program dubbed "orderly renewal" that was adopted at the 11th party central committee plenum last month. It retains the principles of socialism, particularly the central role of the party.

The margin for maneuver in any reform program is slim, observers said. The great strides forward demanded by many militants could worry both the Kremlin and the West, who fear a Soviet clampdown. It could also trigger a counteroffensive by party hardliners, who have stepped up criticism of Polish leadership in recent forums in Katowice, Poznan and Szczecin.

Modification or removal of democratic reforms negotiated by workers last summer, however, could anger party liberals (one in three Communist Party members belong to Solidarity) and lead to renewed confrontation with the 10 million-member Solidarity union itself.

Following Moscow's stiff reprimand of the party leadership during the party's recent 11th central committee plenum, the government arrested four leaders of the dissident Confederation for Independent Poland (KPN) and changed several television and newspaper directors.

The moves were viewed as a message to Moscow that Polish leaders had the country's explosive situation under control. But some liberals and Solidarity members have questioned whether they are the first sign of a "nibbling" away of democratic reforms and the abandonment of "renewal".

Party leaders received a new jolt this week when Baltic dock workers and employees of the state airline Lot called warning strikes after more than three months of a labor "truce". Political observers Sunday questioned what impact this would have on the congress delegates if calm is not restored by Tuesday.

Party leaders announced Saturday that the congress will start with a secret ballot vote on the top party post, an unprecedented procedure in the Soviet bloc.

The decision appeared aimed at settling any challenge to the leadership of Stanislaw Kania at the outset of the open-ended and controversial gathering Tuesday. It was announced by a working group headed by Kania that is setting the agenda for the congress.

Kania's leadership has been attacked by more hard-line Communists in Poland and elsewhere in the Soviet bloc as too lenient and inactive in controlling alleged enemies of the state.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union displayed fresh signs of concern over the choice of delegates to Poland's party congress but seemed to be reserving judgment on the likely outcome. Moscow's feelings toward the crucial Warsaw meeting were indicated in a Soviet television report.

Shortages hit Poland

WARSAW, July 12 (AFP) — One joke doing the rounds here is that there is only one shortage from which Poland does not suffer — queues. They are endemic throughout the country — everywhere for everything.

Even the opening of the nine-day Polish United Workers' Party (POUP) here Tuesday has not filled the shops as usually happens in a Communist capital on the eve of a party meeting. If anything, there are more shortages than ever.

The ordinary Polish housewife spends hours queuing up for rationed meat and sugar as well as everyday items like eggs, sweets and chocolate, soap, washing powder, cigarettes, matches, fruit, and toilet paper. There are queues for most kiosks are closed, and even for visas to the West — there is frequently a queue 900 meters long outside the West German Embassy.

There are usually two queues outside shops — the interminable one snaking along the pavement and the shorter one for priority customers like mothers with babies-in-arms or pregnant, cripples and blind people.

The people in the first queue have unfriendly feelings for those in the priority queue. It is by no means rare to see somebody from the former go to the latter and tap the swollen stomach of a pregnant woman to see that she is not an impostor by stuffing a pillow under her coat.

As for babies, they have probably never been taken out so much in their lives. A woman with a baby in her arms can expect social treatment — and many a woman borrows the baby next door when she has to go shopping, in exchange for a small gift.

People in the queue for men are usually given numbered tickets, but the system has its drawbacks. The feelings of a housewife can be imagined when she goes to her local butcher at 8 a.m., knowing that he will only open at 11 a.m., and is given a ticket showing that she is the 81st in the queue.

No other words, there will be nothing left by the time it is her turn at the meat counter.

500 stake claims

Judge prepares to distribute Hughes' fortune

HOUSTON, Texas, July 12 (AP) — Pat Gregory was a small child growing up here when another Houston resident Howard Robard Hughes Jr. was carving a financial and industrial empire out of the Hughes Tool Co.

"About all I knew of Mr. Hughes was that he was rich and famous aviator who owned an oil tool company that was built next to the old brewery," Gregory said.

But beginning Monday, Gregory, who is now judge presiding in Harris County Probate Court No. 2, will decide whether the fabled billionaire fathered a daughter, adopted a son, secretly married two women or was related to any of the 500 persons who have staked claims to his estate.

He will also determine who gets much of Hughes' estate, valued anywhere from \$180 million to \$2 billion. Gregory, 47, says TV

cameras will be permitted in the courtroom. Since 1976, when that burden was filed with his court, Gregory says he has been exposed to bizarre tales of Hughes' behavior, introduced to a horde of would-be heirs and made privy to some of the most private and intimate chapters in the life of the eccentric reclus.

"I've heard some of the most interesting vignettes and fascinating stories about that man...The round-the-world trips, excitement of the homecomings and his relationships with Hollywood starlets," said Gregory.

Gregory presided over the jury trial that determined Hughes was a Texas resident when he died April 5, 1976. California and Nevada also claim Hughes was a legal resident and the jury's decision has been appealed.

Gregory also oversaw the Texas trial that

found the "mormon will" to be a forgery — the same conclusion reached by a Nevada court — and later denied the existence of the so-called "lost will" that left the vast fortune to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Miami.

"But I think the most interesting thing about this case is not the claims that have been made or the litigation that has evolved, but the unraveling of Hughes' enigma — that being the eccentricities versus his aeronautical brilliance," Gregory said.

"I've always thought it was amazing that one man could be a pioneer in aviation and at the same time a recluse who was afraid of germs," he said. Twice divorced, the once-dashing Hughes apparently left no will and no immediate relatives when he died aboard his private jet while en route from his Mexican seaside hideaway to Houston, the hometown he shunned the last 21

years of his life. The notoriety of the case has "brought all sorts of unique characters out of the woodwork," Gregory said. "Many people have phoned or written claiming they loaned Hughes money or that Hughes promised them a share of his money when he died," he said.

"One guy sent me a copyrighted pamphlet explaining the 'lost will' and another guy sent a postcard asking me to give him \$100 from the estate."

Gregory estimated about 400 persons have inquired about the Hughes estate, with 500 claiming they are relatives and deserve to be included in the final settlement. Further this month, he ruled actress Terry Moore was not entitled to a share of the estate. Mr. Moore claimed she secretly married Hughes in 1944.



CHOPPER DOWN: Workmen raise a helicopter from New York's East River Tuesday after the pilot landed in the water when he heard a "popping noise" in the chopper. One of the chopper's eight passengers was injured. The large balls by the wheels are inflatable pontoons which the pilot activated for the landing.

Cries for rescue unheeded

Hundreds lie buried in Indian mill

SURAT, Western India, July 12 (AFP) — One of several hundred workers trapped in the rubble of a collapsed silk mill here cried out for help for the fourth straight day, while the rescue operations chief explained why his team could not heed the man's pleas. "He cannot be rescued now," the official told reporters Sunday. "If we disturb the area (where he is) the whole thing will come down and may kill all inside."

Some 2,000 rescuers are digging gingerly among the debris and still standing walls, having already taken out 32 bodies and 94 survivors. Three of those rescued have lost limbs and eight are in serious condition. About 300 to 400 workers are still caught inside, according to police.

Three floors of the mill in this town, 350 kms north of Bombay, came crashing down Thursday night after a boiler exploded. An employee who was one of the first to scramble to safety told reporters that he was sitting in his office on the ground floor when he heard a loud thud and a slab fell through the roof. "I ran for the open and then bell broke loose," he said.

The explosion occurred at a change of shift, and a clerk in the accounts department told reporters he escaped because he arrived two minutes late for work.

The printing master of the mill saw a concrete slab fall onto the table in his first floor office. "I got up and found the whole building wobbling, and then I jumped out of the first floor window," he said.

Two sons of the mill owner were not so lucky. They died. Both were students at a textile engineering college in Bombay and were to have gone back to Bombay Friday. Thursday night, they had come to the mill along with a friend.

The eldest son's leg "was trapped under concrete slabs and there was nothing we could do about it," a rescue officer said. For nearly five hours the son was kept alive with oxygen while firemen tried to free him. "Cut my legs, I do not want to die," he cried.

A medical team was Sunday administering oxygen to partially buried workers. "We are trying our best," a doctor said. "But besides the physical problems of loss of blood and limbs, they are suffering from mental shock and this could be fatal." Forensic experts have taken samples of the debris to check whether faulty construction was at fault for the collapse.

Meanwhile, thousands of relatives and onlookers have assembled at the mill. "I have been waiting since Thursday night," one father said. "Allah will decide if I see my son alive or dead."

Nepal-China bridge collapses in floods

KATMANDU, Nepal, July 12 (AP) — Floods cut off the "friendship bridge," linking China and Nepal, sweeping away at least six persons, travelers arriving from the border said Sunday. "Now nobody can cross the river to go to Tibet," one Nepalese traveler said. The bridge, 72 miles northeast of here, collapsed Saturday night into the rain-swollen Bhoti Koshi River.

Landslides from the floods also buried three persons at Tatopani, a village about four miles south of the border, a traveler said. The bridge was built in 1967 by the Chinese constructing a highway between Katmandu and Lhasa, the capital of Tibet.

Nepalese travelers reported that the floods also swept away a Chinese guest house on the Tibetan side of the border. Landslides destroyed a Nepalese check post and customs house, they said.

To get Soviets out

EEC resumes debate on Afghan issue today

BRUSSELS, July 12 (R) — European Economic Community (EEC) foreign ministers, who meet here Monday, are to discuss what to do next in their efforts to get Soviet troops out of Afghanistan, according to EEC sources.

A British-inspired proposal for an international conference, aimed at getting the Soviet Union to withdraw its 85,000 troops from Afghanistan, has been icily received by Moscow. Last Friday, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was quoted by the official Tass news agency as dismissing the idea as unrealistic and unacceptable.

British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington took details of the proposals, which were formally adopted by the 10 EEC countries late last month, to the Kremlin last Monday in a hurriedly arranged meeting with Gromyko. Lord Carrington hoped that the Soviet Union would agree to negotiations because of international disapproval of its action and the difficulties it is facing in Afghanistan.

Diplomats in London have indicated that Lord Carrington intends to keep up the pressure for negotiations on Afghanistan despite Moscow's chilly reaction. Britain, which took over the six-month presidency of the EEC at the start of this month, has set its sights on a successful EEC initiative on Afghanistan as a demonstration of the value of united EEC diplomacy.

During Monday's talks the 10 EEC foreign ministers will review progress so far and discuss what to do next, EEC sources said. There appears to be virtually no chance that the Soviet Union will agree to Afghanisthan talks in the near future.

The EEC proposal is for a two-scale conference involving the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States — plus India, Iran and Pakistan. Afghanistan would only take part in the second stage of the conference.



Lord Carrington

Sri Lanka cartoon irks Soviet circus troupe

COLOMBO, July 12 (AFP) — A Soviet circus troupe which expressed displeasure about a cartoon in a local newspaper has been told that Sri Lanka has a free press and its newspapers can express their views freely.

The cartoon, in the Sun newspaper last Thursday, showed a Russian bear with extended arms performing on a trapeze asking, "Willing to Join Honds?"

The troupe, Cultural Affairs Minister E.I. B. Hurulle said, told him they had come "solely for the purpose of promoting culture under the Sri Lanka-Soviet cultural program and their visit had no political implications whatsoever."

In a statement, Hurulle said the troupe, on a two-week tour here, had expressed its concern over the cartoon, but he had replied it press was free.

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